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SOCCER TO HELP THE GAMES BID

BY GREG RUSSELL

AUSTRALIAN Soccer Federation president Sir Arthur George will campaign for Brisbane's bid to win the 1992 Olympic Games when he attends the World Cup in Mexico.

Brisbane is locked in a fierce battle with Barcelona, and to a lesser degree with Paris, Amsterdam and Birmingham, to win the international Olympic committee vote for the 1992 Games.

FIFA is seen as a key power base within the 92-member IOC which will vote on the 1992 Olympic Games venue in Lausanne, Switzerland in October.

Sir Arthur has already unsuccessfully tried for the Brisbane Games organisers to address the FIFA Executive but now intends to unofficially do the campaigning himself at FIFA's executive meeting in Mexico City before the start of the World Cup.

"FIFA declined to let the Brisbane organisers address the executive because they then would have had to extend this courtesy to the other Games candidates," Sir Arthur said.

"But I am prepared to do anything to help Brisbane's case and I already have told Brisbane's organisers I will help with any approaches in the FIFA executive members in Mexico City."

"FIFA's commitment is towards Barcelona naturally enough because of the heavy involvement of either European or South American influences on the respective members."

But Sir Arthur believes

the European rivalry between Barcelona and Paris could help Brisbane.

The Queensland capital, which hosted the 1982 Commonwealth Games, is starting to emerge as a viable alternative.

And the recent commitment to subsidise competing countries air fares for \$30 million has removed the argument that Australia is too far away to stage the Olympics — last held here in 1956 in Melbourne.

If Brisbane wins the Olympic bid, the Soccer tournament almost certainly will be played around Australia, similar to the World Youth Championship in 1981.

But the final will have to be held at the QE2 Stadium — and that will need modifying as the present track aprons prevent a Soccer field from being marked out inside.

"QE2 will need some alterations and it is a matter of puzzlement to me why it wasn't built to hold a Soccer pitch. Lang Park is very suitable but that is only two grounds," Sir Arthur said.

"Olympic Park and VFL Park are possibilities in Melbourne while Parramatta Stadium and the new Sports Ground would be candidates for Sydney venues."

"What people have to realise is that Spain held the previous World Cup and there are 12 major

grounds that meet all the requirements, which really only the new Sports Ground in Sydney meets in Australia. FIFA runs the Olympic Soccer tournament and they look

at 60 percent of the seats being covered."

At the last Olympics in Los Angeles, the football tournament was the highest aggregate crowd drawer, exceeding even Athle-

tics with a total of more than 1.2 million.

The final, won by France, attracted a 100,000 strong crowd, as did the two semi-finals.



Australian and Liverpool star — CRAIG JOHNSTON in action at Wembley in the FA Cup Final.

NORTHERN NSW FEEL LIKE A TOOHEY'S NOW

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

THE Northern NSW Soccer Federation Ltd and Tooheys Ltd's Hunter Brewery have reached agreement whereby Tooheys will be the Federation's major sponsor for the 1986 and 1987 seasons.

The actual amount of the sponsorship has not been disclosed but, according to the participants, can be described as "substantial".

This year saw the end of a two-year association between the Northern NSW Federation and Carlton & United Breweries and the subsequent involvement with Tooheys has given the Federation treasurer, Ken McNeil, the pleasant task of amending his budget upwards.

Toohey's Hunter Manager Mr David Williams (unrelated to the writer) said that it was difficult these days for professional and semi-professional sports to flourish without

the advantage of financial support.

"We at Toohey's Hunter Brewery believe that our sponsorship agreements are community-orientated ventures that enhance the future of sportsmen and sports-women and the organisations they represent," Mr Williams said.

"We consider this sponsorship very beneficial as it will maintain a high profile of our products in the Hunter region."

"The fine administration of the Northern NSW Soccer Federation and the great interest of the sport encourages us to support this great code in the Hunter region."

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All the news from the big
Merseyside FA Cup Final, on

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SIR ARTHUR GEORGE, Brian Emery and Charlie Dempsey, big shots in the Oceania Confederation, head off to Mexico City any day now to attend the FIFA Congress and the World Cup.

Let us hope they are able to do some valuable work on behalf of Oceania while they are there.

The World Cup qualifying arrangements which concern Australia and New Zealand in particular are disgraceful.

It is good having Oceania well represented in Mexico but it will mean nothing if the three emissaries return empty-handed.

One suspects that, in order to remain friendly with the FIFA hierarchy, in particular president Joao Havelange, the men from Oceania are most reluctant to rock the boat.

It is difficult to understand why. Australia and New Zealand have nothing to lose by creating a disturbance at the conference table.

Let them insist on a better deal for this region. They are not bound to succeed but at least this would be better than meekly accepting the raw deal currently in operation.

It would be asking too much for the winner of the Oceania qualifying group to get direct access to the World Cup Finals - even though such an arrangement appears to be acceptable for FIFA's World Youth Championship.

But there must be a halfway house, a compromise which would give the Oceania winner some sort of a chance of getting into the World Cup Finals.

Under the present set-up, with the winner having to play a final qualifier against a leading European or South American nation, the odds against Australia or New Zealand getting through are remote. . . perhaps 100 to 1 against.

If Sir Arthur, Emery and Dempsey are content with this arrangement, the Soccer public in Oceania certainly is not.

Johnny Warren recently put forward a suggestion for the winner of Oceania to play a final elimination against an Asian or African opponent.

There is merit in the suggestion but ASW believes there is a more logical and practical solution to this four-year headache.

We have written it before, and will do so again, but the obvious move for FIFA would be to increase the size and strength of Oceania, making it a meaningful Confederation and not the joke it is today.

If that happened, nobody could deny the Oceania qualifying victor direct entry to future World Cup Finals.

This is the line the Oceania officials should be pursuing with zest and vigour during the next few weeks in Mexico.

It is simply not good enough for Havelange and his executive to trot out the lame excuse that "the Asian countries do not want to switch to Oceania."

We ask again - who is running world football?

Are the big decisions made by individual countries in Asia or are they made by FIFA? That is the question which must be answered.

And if Oceania's delegates in Mexico are prepared to ask such a question, let them go the whole hog and demand to know how Israel can possibly be classed as an Oceania country?

If we are honest, we need not search far to find out why the Israelis appear so regularly in Oceania competitions.

Sadly, Israel has been rejected by Asia and also by Europe. But Oceania has not refused Israel entry.

It seems the people running this God-forsaken Confederation lack the courage to similarly reject Israel. One assumes this is to make sure FIFA is placated and not antagonised.

An old saying is... politics should not be brought into sport. That's a joke.

International Soccer, through FIFA, is riddled with politics.

This being the case, it is inevitable that the strong politicians will triumph while those who hang back and rarely complain will be treated accordingly.

The time is long overdue for the Oceania representatives to let their voices be heard and strike a blow of sufficient power to make the rest of the world sit up and take notice.

OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE

THE KALANTZIS GOAL WORTHY OF WEMBLEY

BY TOM ANDERSON

BY no stretch of the imagination can Lambert Park be compared with the Mecca of football - Wembley Stadium - but on Sunday at the little ground in downtown Leichhart, Sydney Olympic striker Chris Kalantzis scored a goal that was befitting an FA Cup Final.

It was the glory goal that gave Olympic their 2-1 win over Apia in a clash that provided thrills and spills from start to finish.

With the score level at 1-1 by goals from Arno Bertogna for Apia in the 30th minute and Peter Raskopoulos for Olympic in the 33rd minute, both teams were going at each other hammer and tongs.

Then in the 70th minute Marshall Soper broke away on the right and flung over a long cross to the far post.

Young Kalantzis took off like a bolt out of the blue, met it in mid-air and the ball went in off the post.

What an effort and one that would have been perfectly at home at Wembley or for that matter any other great stadium you like to mention.

Once again this was a

top class game and just what it takes to give the fans what they want - entertainment.

Apia had their new Polish import Janusz Baran on show for the first time with the other Polish star Edward Lorens watching from the stands.

Baran - because of travel fatigue etc, was substituted at half-time.

However he did enough to show that he is going to be a very valuable acquisition for the Apia club.

Although obviously taken aback a little by the hard and no-nonsense tackling, Baran displayed some magic touches - especially on the flanks.

In fact he set up a couple of chances that went begging during his 45 minute spell.

Baran looks to be the goods and a very shrewd investment.

The man of the match

however was Olympic midfielder Peter Raskopoulos who turned in a blinder in the second half.

Rasko must have watched Liverpool's Danish ace Jan Molby in the Cup Final - for what Molby did for Liverpool, he did for Olympic on Sunday.

Although Olympic got the valuable points and looked good, Apia was by no means disgraced and we will be hearing a lot more of them before the season ends.

They now have the makings of an exciting combination.

Once again another great game and one that did the game of Soccer a great deal of good.

APIA: Pezzano; Bozanic, Bertogna, Steven, Brown; Bundalo, Hristovski, Butler; Stewart, Baran (Colaguri 45) (Dounis 67), Koussas.

OLYMPIC: Meier; Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Phillips; Raskopoulos, Johnston, Estavillo (Patalla 73); Soper, Stevenson, Kalantzis.

REFEREE: Chris Bambridge. CROWD: 5420.



Sydney Olympic's VICENTE ESTAVILLO defends with the aid of Stuart Johnston against Apia at the weekend. (Photo by Modern Studios, 568-2853)

ADELAIDE HELLAS FINALLY GRAB POINTS AT HOME

ADELAIDE HELLAS crashed through the depression barrier when they beat Heidelberg 1 - 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium for their first home points of the league season.

The triumph climaxed a dramatic week.

BY TOM MCKAIN

Coach Edmund Kreft, dumped by Adelaide City at the end of last season, was rushed in to take over from Neil McGachey who was sacked mid-week, and on the Friday, Hellas signed Melbourne Croatia striker Gary Ward.

The latter struggled to fit in with his new team mates, but was racing through on the break and heading for goal when brought down by Alan Hunter in the box in the second half.

Gary Price stepped up and sunk what was to

prove the winner in the 57th minute.

Price had two more chances, and Ward started to fire following the goal and is obviously going to be an asset as the 1978 champions fight to stay in next year's "Super League."

Kreft played it cool, selecting the players he said he knew best, and relegating one of the club's new signings, Scot Brian McLaughlin to the bench.

Hellas was obviously nervous in front of fans who had been yelling for blood with every home league game lost and only a Nanda Cup win over Adelaide City to boost

their morale.

Hellas can thank former Soccerroo goalkeeper Martyn Crook for assisting them to the two points after being recalled to the side as a replacement for the injured Gary Sproul.

Crook dived twice to stop Hunter, blocking the first shot and holding the second and in the second period cut out numerous crosses as the Victorians refused to lie down.

Hellas captain Graham Honeyman, switched from sweeping in a back five formation, was the man of the match as a midfielder.

Heidelberg were not out of the hunt with Claud Lucchesi looking

good along with Theo Selemidis and Peter Tsolakis.



GARY PRICE

And when the giant Andy Higgins came on as a target man during the second half Soccerroos Robbie Dunn and Charlie Yankos were in all sorts of trouble.

But the final result gave Hellas two points and on paper that is all

that counts.

There is no doubt Kreft will make more changes, but he summed up his feelings at full time when he said:

"Everyone in our squad has a fresh start. I am fielding the players I know, and as long as we win we will be happy."

Over the next few weeks we will work out a system and a settled team."

Hellas: Crook, Brown, Yankos, Dunn, Honeyman, Manou, Ward, Scott, Konstandopoulos, Price, Hristodoulou.

Heidelberg: Oliver, McKie, Marley, Hunter, Valentine, Selemidis, Lucchesi, Tsolakis (Deliginnis 80), Angele, Kanasoulis, Metaxas (Higgins 68).

Referee: D Campbell. Crowd: 2967.

FRANKEN IS AROK'S MAN FOR GOAL

BY FRANK COLETTA

WHILE Sydney Croatia won the match against Canberra City 2-0, Anthony Franken turned on a performance that will be long remembered by the near 6,000 crowd at the Croatian Sports Centre.

No one on the ground could match the magnificence of the 21-year-old custodian who time and again repelled the onslaught upon his goal-mouth.

Recently selected in the train-on Olympic squad, Franken made no less than 13 saves from goalscoring opportunities and no one rued his presence more than former team-mate, Manis Lamond.

Franken defied Lamond five times although the 19-year-old winger did put his side ahead after 37 minutes.

A long free-kick from captain-coach Vedran Rozic landed in the Canberra penalty area and what followed was an almighty scramble for the ball. Graham Arnold, Zeljko Jurin and finally Lamond all had a go and finally the goal was scored but it was ever so close to being saved by that remarkable man between the sticks - Anthony Franken.

Canberra themselves had little to offer in attack although Hilton Phillips showed some enterprise and he may have in fact given his side the lead but for a poor piece of finishing on the half hour after he had rounded the keeper Steve Watson.

The game as a spectacle was not helped by referee Manny Loupis who rarely played the advantage rule and constantly halted play for frivolities.

Look-alikes Lamond and Phillips were wreaking constant havoc in the opposition's defence but

neither, for the moment at least, possesses the finishing touch.

There was never any danger of Sydney Croatia not triumphing but . . . how much they would win by.

If not for Franken (surely Australia's next keeper) it could have been more than a dozen.

His best save was something not seen on a football field often, if at all. Graham Arnold supplied Zeljko Jurin with an impeccable pass that put him all by himself.

Jurin moved into the area with only Franken to beat but was dispossessed by a superb sliding tackle by the keeper after he had fooled the attacker by sending HIM the wrong way with a deft move!

Croatia went 2-0 ahead when a corner in the 59th minute by Lamond found Soccerroo midfielder Zarko Odzakovic who launched into a vicious, swerving volley that gave Franken no chance.

Testimony to Franken's ample powers of prevention came at the full-time whistle when Rozic, Lamond and Croatia's assistant coach and ex-World Cup goalie Ron Corry made a point of shaking his hand.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson, Savor (Rezo 48), Jennings, Kovacic, Rozic, Clinch, Jurin, Savor, Arnold, Rumora, Odzakovic.

CANBERRA CITY: Franken, Cent (Dunn 4), Bryant, Burke, Harkins, Sermani, Mihalidis, Hamilton, Phillips, Gibson, Junna.

CROWD: 5874. REFEREE: M. Loupis.

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SAINTS WERE TOO TOUGH ... MARCONI

BY CHARLES CROSS

MARCONI coach Les Scheinflug was far from happy after his top-of-the-table team fell 2-0 to St George.

Scheinflug claimed the opposing Saints were more like sinners as they got stuck into Marconi in the early stages of the match.

He even claimed there were three tackles in the game which merited the red card.

St George boss Frank Arok, however, would have none of it.

"Probably for the first time this season, I was really pleased with the strong performance put up by my team," said Arok.

He certainly would not concede that any players had been over-robust.

But three Saints players were booked in the opening 17 minutes, indicating it was not going to be a game for softies!

After 26 minutes, Peter Petkovski put St George in front and a quarter of an hour later, Tony Henderson conceded a penalty kick when he climbed high and put his hands on a Saints player's shoulders.

"It was an offence which 90 per cent of referees might have ignored," claimed Scheinflug.

Nevertheless, a penalty was the verdict and David Ratcliffe happily put it away to give the home team a 2-0 half-time lead.

Marconi's biggest problem was not the vigorous tackling of their opponents but, rather, their own failings in front of goal.

Marconi rarely looked like scoring a goal ... a surprising effort from a team which went into the match as leaders of the competition.

In the midfield, Peter

Tredinnick gave his usual consistent exhibition but once the ball was conveyed to the front runners, the moves kept breaking down.

Scheinflug, despite recent good results from his side, has constantly complained that they were playing below form and he repeated this after the

Saints game.

"This result had to come because we have played badly for three weeks," he said.

"If Marconi keep up this football, we'll be struggling to finish in the top seven — never mind winning the championship."



ONE of Saints' tough defenders, DAVID RATCLIFFE, makes a headed clearance.

BRISBANE BOBBY GRABS A VITAL EQUALISER

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE CITY midfielder Bobby Hamilton - the smallest player on the park - scored a spectacular headed goal to give his side a well deserved 2-2 draw against form Melbourne team Footscray at Spencer Park.

The 32-year-old former Motherwell player rose above a bunch of players to head in a perfectly placed Roberto Lettieri corner in the 75th minute to bring City back on level terms.

Until then it had appeared the Brisbane side would finish the game pointless despite giving its most promising home performance this season.

The match was a highly entertaining affair which was a tribute to the revived Footscray side, so long the league cellar-dwellers in the past.

The most recent memories of the Melbourne team have been of a dour, moody side, but the injection of several new Yugoslav imports, and in particular midfielder Vlado Stosic, has given Footscray a new mantle of entertainers of the league.

And Jim Hermiston, whose side has struggled without any luck this season, can be heartened that his side competed with Footscray for the entire 90 minutes.

City opened the scoring in the 18th minute when Irishman Kieran Cooper, who was always dangerous in attack, showed brilliant skills on the left to wrong-foot two defenders before crossing to the penalty spot. Former Newcastle player Dean Milosevic

flicked the ball sideways for Luciano Fabrizio to drive home.

A brilliant piledriver free kick by Ossie Latif in the 30th minute levelled the scores. Footscray went ahead on a breakaway goal 20 minutes into the second half which many City supporters claimed was offside.

Zdravko Lujic broke through a flat City defence and although his original shot was saved by Robert Cox, Latif was on hand to put the rebound away.

City were unlucky not to get a penalty for a hand ball late in the game by Vlatko Belic while Footscray claimed they too were denied a penalty for a Frank Mengotti tackle on Lujic.

But justice prevailed when Hamilton, who had come on as a substitute after being sidelined with a knee injury for two weeks, equalised.

CITY: Cox, Salvatore, Caird, Mengotti, Bromfield, Hogg (Hamilton half time), Milosevic, Lettieri, Fabrizio (Reis 79), Cooper, White. FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic, Petrovski, Barjaktadevic, Karic, Belic, Tapai, Stosic, Latif, Bozinoski, Lujic, Simic, Curovic. REFEREE: Jim Reeves. CROWD: 2452.

NSL RESULTS

NORTHERN DIVISION

SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (M Lamond, Z Odzakov) CANBERRA 0 at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 5874.

MONARO 1 (I Wotherspoon) BLACKTOWN 3 (J Carroll 2, J Bradley) at Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 823.

ST GEORGE 2 (P Petkovski, D Ratcliffe) MARCONI 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd: 1184.

CANTERBURY 1 (S Hatzis) SYDNEY CITY 1 (J Kosmina) at Arlington Oval. Crowd: 1292.

APIA LEICHHARDT 1 (A Bertogna) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (P Raskopoulos, C Kalantzis) at Lambert Park. Crowd: 5420.

NEWCASTLE 0 WOLLONGONG 1 (S Rivero) at Adamstown. Crowd: 1600.

NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Olympic	3	3	0	16	7	9
Sydn Croatia	4	1	1	11	5	9
Wollongong	4	1	1	9	4	9
Marconi	4	0	2	11	7	8
Blacktown	4	0	2	8	7	8
Sydney City	2	2	2	12	10	6
St George	2	2	2	7	6	6
Apia Leichhardt	2	1	3	6	7	5
Newcastle	1	3	2	6	9	5
Canterbury	1	2	3	4	11	4
Canberra	1	1	4	3	8	3
Monaro	0	0	6	4	16	0

SOUTHERN DIVISION

BRISBANE CITY 2 (L Fabrizio, R Hamilton) Footscray 2 (D Latis 2) at Spencer Park.

ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (G Price) HEIDELBERG 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2967.

SUNSHINE 0 BRISBANE LIONS 0 at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 1500.

GREEN GULLY 0 BRUNSWICK 0 at Green Gully Reserve. Crowd: 1201.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 4 (D Crainie 2, C Middelmeast, S Tasios) PRESTON 3 (S Lane 2, S Smith) at Middle Park. Crowd: 6000.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 ADELAIDE CITY 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 1500.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Footscray	4	1	1	10	12	9
Brunswick	3	2	1	11	1	8
Adelaide City	3	2	1	12	6	8
Preston	3	2	1	9	4	8
Sunshine	2	3	1	6	5	7
South Melbourne	3	0	3	7	6	6
H'berg	2	2	2	6	6	6
Green Gully	1	2	3	5	6	4
Adelaide Hellas	2	0	4	6	10	4
Brisbane Lions	1	2	3	2	6	4
Melbourne Croatia	1	2	3	3	8	4
Brisbane City	1	2	3	6	13	4

BERRIES BLOCK SYDNEY CITY

CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE ran, chased and tackled their hearts out to be rewarded with a well-deserved and courageous draw (1-1), against their NSL champion opponents, Sydney City at Arlington.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Canterbury's back-four of Jebrael, Arthur Svinos, John Radman and skipper Spyros Hantzis were magnificent, but they were superbly supported by their excellent goalkeeper, Ian Barker. Barker pulled off at least three electrifying match-saving blocks to help earn Canterbury a valuable League point.

Sydney City's midfield trio of Gerardo Gomez, Joe Watson and Murray Barnes hurled enormous pressure at Canterbury with good switch play and tough tackling.

But Canterbury's midfield quartet of Burin Zaimi, Nelio Borges, Peter Zrilic and Bernie Godzik, stood most firm and even mixed it with their more illustrious

opponents.

Right on the half-hour, John Kosmina latched onto a Gomez short "bomb" in the box to rifle into Canterbury's net a first time 12 metre drive to open the account for Sydney City.

Seven minutes from the break, Zrilic, Canterbury's new Yugoslav import, busted into Sydney City's box with only goalkeeper Alex McPherson to beat.

McPherson was left with no option but to pull Zrilic down for referee Arthur Owens to award Canterbury a penalty.

Left-back Hantzis smashed a left-footed blast to McPherson's left to level the scoreline.

After "drinks" Sydney City immediately came out with a non-stop attacking display of pressure football. Kosmina fired in

the first minute of the second half a seven metre shot from point-blank which Barker did well to tip onto the cross-bar.

Sydney City's young left-back, Jean Paul de Marigny was magnificent, steel-tough in defensive duties and constantly chimed into attacks and repeatedly switched play.

In the 51st minute, Barker again saved a hot-shot from Gomez, and in the 60th minute, again deflected a Frank Farina fireball for a corner.

Zrilic was a tower of strength in Canterbury's midfield with his tough tackling and magnificent defence-splitting through-balls which caused Sydney



JEAN PAUL de MARIGNY, big game for City.

City much bother.

He set up Borges in the 79th minute with a clear-cut chance to hit a winner but the Brazilian veteran was wide with his final 12 metre shot to the right with only McPherson to beat.

Best performers were Zrilic, Hantzis, Radman and Barker for the home side, whilst for the visitors, left-back de Marigny, Watson and Alex Robertson were excellent.

Canterbury's boss, Don Kapetanovic, a most happy man after the match, stated: "I am very happy with the result and was especially pleased with our centre-back John Radman. We just had to pressure them all the time."

But less happy Eddie Thomson, Sydney City's manager-coach, commented: "The referee frustrated us continually. Their goalkeeper was magnificent, Kosmina was brought down 10 times and given no protection. The ground was a little bumpy (a good leveller), but we soon switched to the long-ball over the top to counter."

CANTERBURY: Barker: Jebrael, Radman, Svinos, Hantzis: Burin, Borges, Zrilic, Godzik (Kirwan 38): Themnidis (Haniotis 86), Pettas.

SYDNEY CITY: McPherson: Hooker, O'Connor, Robertson, de Marigny, Gomez, Watson, Barnes: Farina, Kosmina, Lee.

REFEREE: A.Owens. CROWD: 1292.

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ASW'S ROUND-UP OF THE MELBOURNE WEEKEND MATCHES

SOUTH MELBOURNE sprang a big surprise in the Southern Division match of the day when it fielded Chris Middlemast, from Victorian league club Nunawading City.

BY JIM HARVEY

It was a desperation move prompted by South's goal famine.

Middlemast has been a prolific scorer in the lower league and he got his name on the score sheet on Sunday but it was by way of a gift, but more of that later.

It was also the first home appearance of new signing Dannie Crainie from Dundee, and he made a great contribution with two goals.

The game was one of the most amazing seen in Melbourne since the National League started.

Preston, playing with the wind at its back in the first half opened brightly, and seemed to have the South defence at sixes and sevens.

In the 12th minute, Sean Lane, scored a spectacular goal for Preston when he picked up Steve Smith's crossfield pass and drove the ball high and wide out of Laumets' reach.

Preston was cruising then, but South got back on terms only 11 minutes later through an appalling blunder by goalkeeper Phil Traianedes.

Middlemast was hopefully chasing a long through ball when the goalkeeper tore out of his goal area, Bruce Grobelaar fashion and kicked the ball against the striker. From the rebound Middlemast was left with a simple tap in for the equaliser.

But the Preston fans didn't have long to wait for their revenge.

Sean Lane restored the lead after a good one-two with Steve Smith and Preston went in for the interval looking home and hosed.

However, the game changed complexion dramatically in the second half, with four goals coming in only 14 minutes.

The Preston fans were ecstatic when Steve Smith's header put their side two goals ahead after a great run and cross by

Lane.

But the euphoria was short lived. In the 60th minute, with the Preston defence apparently coasting towards victory, Steve Tasios stabbed the ball home in a goalmouth scrimmage.

Two minutes later the equaliser came from Crainie who had played a sterling part in South's midfield, and suddenly Preston was looking right down the barrel facing not only a stiff wind, but defeat.

Desperation told when Crainie was upended in the box, and the newcomer himself took the spot kick successfully.

The 3-1 up to 4-3 down had taken only 14 minutes and from then on, Preston was never in the hunt.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Postecoglou, McDowall, Blair, Russell, Tasios, Crainie, Mirandas, Davidson, Middlemast, Egan.

PRESTON: Traianedes, Roodhouse, Opasinis, Dobson, Campbell, Iloski, Petrov, Heys (sub Nivevski 80), Smith, Cole, Lane.

GREEN GULLY v BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS

WHATEVER benefits new coach Len McKendry has brought to Brunswick Juventus, the Englishman seems to have produced a cast-iron defence.

At Green Gully Reserve, Brunswick fought a 0-0 draw with Green Gully, a very good result with the visitors having to finish the match with 10 men after John Dowie had been sent off in the 80th minute.

This was Brunswick's fifth successive match without giving a goal away.

They owed much to goalkeeper Yakka Banovic who produced four magnificent saves at a time when Green Gully looked like getting on top.

Green Gully probably deserved both points because Brunswick only rarely looked dangerous.

Brunswick's best chance fell to Dowie soon after half-time but he shot straight at Gully goalkeeper

er Lou Denys.

GREEN GULLY nil: Denys, Hogben, Vizzini, Fraser, Cannell, Flavell, Paul Lewis, McLelland, Ward, Reynolds, Cumming.

BRUNSWICK nil: Banovic, Campbell, Lewis Peter, Brown, Yzendoorn, Wade, Cullen, Patterson, Sweeney, Dowie (sent off 80), Zinni (sub Palatsidis half time).

MELBOURNE Croatia nil: Runje, Deankovic, McIntosh, Curcio, Hannah, Campbell (sub Todoric 57), Biskic (sub Ljubic 74), Gogaevic, Markovac, Redmond, Talajic.

ADELAIDE City nil: McNally, Higgins, Nyskous, Flounders, Melta, Santrac, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell (sub Wilde 79), Vidmar, Shillabeer.



YAKKA BANOVIC files high for Brunswick.

MELBOURNE CROATIA v ADELAIDE CITY

FOUR of Adelaide City's players almost failed to show up at Olympic Park, Melbourne — because of the English FA Cup telecast.

The team was booked into an Adelaide hotel on Saturday night to make sure they had an early night and did not watch the telecast from Wembley.

On Sunday morning, the players headed for Adelaide Airport but Aurelio Vidmar, Charley Villani, Paul Wilde and Steve Maxwell went separately.

Vidmar's car broke down on the way, causing the four to miss the Melbourne plane.

A small plane was chartered for them and they eventually reached Melbourne at 1.15 pm.

It was a dull game, anyway, causing some people to ask "was the Adcity players' journey really necessary?"

Steve Maxwell had one good scoring chance for the visitors but defences were on top for almost the entire game.

Tony Redmond performed well for Croatia.

GEORGE CROSS v BRISBANE LIONS

GOALKEEPER LOU KASTNER, a player who was in the Socceroo squad as long ago as 1969, continues to defy the march of time.

Kastner was George Cross's hero in the scoreless draw against Brisbane Lions at Chaplin Reserve.

With only three minutes to go, Kastner saved his side with a brilliant save from David Hunter.

Earlier Kastner saved a penalty kick, taken by Jim Morton.

Once again, the incredibly young John Markovski of Georgie played like a veteran and was unlucky not to get among the goalscorers.

Twice in the match, this 16-year-old had shots which hit the Lions' woodwork, further evidence that he will surely face an exciting career as he matures.

SUNSHINE George Cross nil: Kastner, Hale, Parton, James, Richardson, Faulkner, McLaren, Gilder, Marcovski, Lennon, Bain.

BRISBANE Lions nil: Farrow, D Hunter, Jackson, Liddell, Niven, R Stewart, J Stewart, Anderson (sub Low 69), Ogden, Wright, Morton (sub Mulvey 88).

GIFT GOALS FOR WOLVES

WOLLONGONG CITY coach John Fleming must have been extremely grateful for the present he received at the Adamstown Sports Ground last Saturday.

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

For the two points Wollongong took from its 1-0 win over Newcastle Rosebud were gift-wrapped by the unfortunate Ralph Maier.

Misfortune struck the usually reliable Maier in the 19th minute when he failed to push a short pass back to the goalkeeper Clint Gosling and the alert striker Peter Kotamanidis slipped through with the ball.

Gosling brought the striker down and from the penalty kick awarded by referee Graeme Warne, Saul Rivero made no mistake.

And it was Maier who erred again in the 58th minute. Rosebud's Bobby Naumov was on his way to the Wollongong goal when full-back Reg Chilby upended him and, for the second time in the match, Graeme Warne pointed to the penalty spot.

Maier took the kick, but his weak shot was dealt with easily by the Wollongong 'keeper Warwick Young.

In a match that was punctuated by poor passing and generally unimaginative football, both teams had scoring chances but lacked the skills to capitalise on them.

Mark Jones could have given Rosebud a lead in the 8th minute from a cross by John Cavanagh but his header from 10 metres scraped the

crossbar.

In the 43rd minute Rivero, who was probably Wollongong's best player, set up a chance for David Batten, but the striker's shot from 15 metres cleared the bar.

Seven minutes after half-time, full-back Cavanagh ended a side line run with a perfect cross to Ingham, but the young Rosebud front runner's header went well wide of the goal.

Wollongong also demonstrated its inability to accept goal-scoring opportunities when, in the 75th minute Gosling saved three point blank attempts within two seconds to deny Wollongong another score.

In the closing minutes of the game Naumov

again rounded Chilby and centred but Jones's header had too much elevation.

Graeme Warne handed out two yellow cards during the course of the game. The first was to Rosebud's Paul Crabtree in the first half and the second to Naumov right on full-time.

Newcastle: Gosling, Maier, Jones, Bannon, Naumov, Senkalski, Owens (Haynes 68), Cavanagh, Crabtree, Ingham, Milosevic.

Wollongong: Young, Green, Morlando, Vlietstra, Cokely, Giraldo, Rivero, Batten (Gaffney 68), Kotamanidis, Murray, Chilby.

Referee: Graeme Warne.
Crowd: 1002.



BAZ GIAMPAOLO is back for Inter Monaro but it made little difference.

BAZ BACK BUT STILL NO WIN

With strikers Baz Giampaolo and Marko Perinovic back in the side, Inter Monaro coach Frank Maccarone had targeted the match against Blacktown City on Sunday as one that had to be won.

BY GRAHAM COOKE

Instead Inter crashed 3-1 - its sixth consecutive defeat in the National League - and neither Giampaolo nor Perinovic showed anything like the form they are capable of.

In fact, Perinovic was substituted in the 61st minute and his replacement, Frank D'Addario almost scored what could have been a match saving equaliser at 2-1.

In the end it was Inter's defence which let it down, prompting an angry Maccarone to proclaim "these players do not deserve to play in the ACT league - a junior would conduct himself with more common sense than they did today."

Down 2-1, but coming more into the game with every minute that passed, Inter fell victim to a City counter attack which left

it badly exposed at the back.

Robbie Slater went round Ricki Budini and slipped the ball past goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski to his unmarked captain, John Bradley, who side-footed it into the empty net.

And twice more before the final whistle Blacktown's speedy forwards found the open spaces as Joe Carroll blazed over the bar and then Bradley shot straight at Hoszowski.

In the first half Slater went past two defenders and fired in a shot which Hoszowski could only push out. Slater regained possession and lobbed over the goalkeeper to Carroll who headed home.

With half time only seconds away a through ball from Bradley caught defenders forlornly appealing for offside as

Carroll ran through to make it 2-nil.

Inter began a spirited comeback in the 67th minute when Attilio Carbone and D'Addario combined to send the ball for Ian Wotherspoon to hit the ball past goalkeeper David Curtis.

D'Addario forced a fine save from Curtis 10 minutes from the end, then Inter's defence stumbled and the team surrendered all hope of picking up its first NSL point of the season.

Inter Monaro: Hoszowski, Tuilawa (Ambrosino 47), Walsh, Budini, Titilas, Wotherspoon, Carbone, Willox, Winn, Giampaolo, Perinovic (D'Addario 61).

Blacktown: Curtis, Willis, Northam, Knight, MacLeod, Byrne, Bradley, Denyer, Slater, Carroll, Sandy.

Referee: Bob Marshall.
Crowd: 823.

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THE GLOVES ARE OFF WITH TERRY GREEDY

A few eyebrows were raised when Alan Vest announced his NSW State squad last week. The naming of Graham Arnold in the midfield seems to be the main point of interest.

Having played with and against "Army" I can say with some authority that his contribution to any team is considerable and regardless of where he plays for Sydney Croatia, NSW, or Australia he continues to give maximum effort at all times, irrespective of the state of the game.

Being quiet by nature Army tended to cop heaps from the rest of the Aussie squad and all players were amazed by his stamina on and off the field.

His nocturnal habits have become legendary.

The only other player able to maintain the pace Army set was his partner in crime Robbie Dunn.

Robbie's move to West Adelaide prior to this season to team up with Charlie Yankos at the centre of their defence has not been too successful to date.

Those who have played under Neil McGachey



spoke highly of his coaching methods but with players of the calibre of Robbie, Charlie and Graham Honeyman in their ranks I'm sure things will soon improve despite the loss of their coach.

I hope the club directors allow time for the new players to blend into the system of play at Adelaide Hellas. Coaching changes do nothing to alleviate the problem under such circumstances.

Far too many clubs

adopt the easy way out and sack the coach instead of providing assistance to both coach and players by displaying confidence and stability at the top.

Having said that, it shouldn't be too long before the annual purge on coaches begins. With this year being so abnormal it would be safe to assume that there will be more coaches than usual "biting the dust."

Final placings in the

competition are so important to the make-up of the 1987 League and if a coach does not provide immediate success then the directors will have to appear to be doing something to remedy the situation.

And that means the chop for the coach.

Regardless of the circumstances, spectators tend to see this as a positive move, and this only serves to spur the boardroom boys into action.

Although still early in the season, Blacktown seem to be benefitting from some astute deals in the transfer market. The performances turned in by their new signings have already shown that the financial outlay was justified.

Another aspect that must be pleasing for the club is the form of the young players who have been given their chance in the first team.

Against St George, the young left back, Darren Northam, showed he has a great future in the game and, on present form, must be a certainty for the Young Socceroos.

Despite the weather my Soccer clinic was completed without too many

problems. Those that attended had an enjoyable time and by Friday were showing the benefit of a week of intensive training.

Hopefully they have returned to their teams as better players, able to gain more pleasure from the game because of their improved skills.

The talent on display was most impressive and young goalkeeper, Allan Hancock looks a bright prospect for the future.

Special thanks to AEI Group Transport and Services for providing the necessary sponsorship to make the camp a success.

On a personal note, I was very pleased to be included in the state NSW squad to play against Queensland.

The match is always an important event on the Queensland calendar and Queensland, under the guidance of Bruce Stowell, are always very competitive.

They tend to pull out all stops to impress against their southern neighbours and this makes for an even contest with reputations counting for nothing.

The squad has pace to burn up front which will definitely test the Queensland defence.

Players such as Chris Kalantzis, David Lowe and Frank Farina will no doubt see this game as an opportunity to stake their claims for a place in the internationals in August. (I'm glad I'm on their side!)

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK



CHRIS KALANTZIS — in NSW squad.

AUSSIE SOCCER WITH THAT LATIN BEAT!

ARE we about to see the emergence of a South American influence in our Soccer?

The question is posed following the introduction of Uruguayan players at Wollongong Wolves, Argentinian players at Marconi and the impact of Uruguay-Auburn in NSW State League.

This year, the Uruguayan influence seems to have increased, both in the crowd support and playing strength.

Currently Uruguay-Auburn is midway in the table.

I have always been impressed by Uruguayan footballers.

They are as skilful as the Brazilians, but more competitive.

That their tiny country could twice win the World Cup testifies to their ability.

Probably the Uruguayans and the Argentinians are the best suited of all the South American nations to do well in Australia's very physical and competitive Soccer.

The tall, strong Saul Rivero at Wollongong to date has had no problems surviving in our National League.

I remember playing at Sydney Croatia with three South Americans, two of

whom were very physical in their play.

Both were from Argentina, whose players even have a tendency to cynical habits at times.

Certainly, they are not afraid of aggression.

However, it is the skills of these South Americans which are most needed in our game and the more of them who can make their mark here the better.

On the other hand, skill alone never wins a sporting contest. Fitness and competitiveness always play as big a part in sporting success.

This is a fact of life and something all performers must accept.

Another national group influencing our Soccer in a major way are the Greeks.

At the junior level, representative teams are replete with lads of Greek parentage.

Greek players are noted for their skills.

Those born and raised here in Australia seem to be less volatile than those of the homeland.

Probably this may reflect the greater stability of our relatively peaceful and isolated country.

The young player of Greek parents is invariably very strong and grows up with the need to compete in Australia's competitive society.

These traits produce good sportsmen.

Britain has been by far the major influence on Soccer in this country, previously, followed by the European, particularly the Slav influence.

Are we now on the threshold of witnessing an influence brought about by people from warmer climates who love colour, creativity and excitement?

To be sure we would all welcome these qualities on our Soccer fields.



BY MIKE JOHNSON

Over the years, various South American players have entertained our crowds.

In Sydney, Vic Fernandez at St George and Ric Campana at APIA come to mind.

Recently we have watched the graceful skills of Oscar Crino at South Melbourne and in the national team.

Nevertheless, South Americans generally have played little part in our game.

The various Yugoslav groups have provided the players who have most improved the skill of Soccer in this country.

When Uruguay-Auburn was formed many people wondered if it would go the way of the Bankstown-National (Lebanese) merger.

Bankstown-National were relegated, but Uruguay-Auburn held on.



VIC FERNANDEZ



DAVID LOWE (right) 'Glad I'm on his side' says Terry.

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CHIT CHAT

DAVID GREEN won the Wollongong City best-dressed award when he turned up for the night game against St George straight from a wedding. Green had been best man and certainly looked the part, complete with a red bow tie.

It had been a busy day for him as he coached his Figtree under 13 team before going to the wedding then on to Wollongong Showground.

After the game it was a case of getting back into the good gear and racing back to the reception.

The talented full-back was one of the Wolves best players in their scoreless draw against St George.

IF Adelaide Hellas get the two Scottish strikers they want, coach Neil McGachey, a Scot, will be relying on a "Tartan Army" to get him into the Super League next year.

The two Scots would join countrymen Graham Honeyman, Brian McLaughlin, Robbie Dunn and Alan Scott.

Greeks in the current line-up are Charlie Yankos, Chris Manou, Lou Hristodoulou, George Konstantopoulos and Nick Mousoulis.

GEORGE KEITH, former Apia Leicthardt and Australian full-back, now a successful businessman in the sporting goods trade, is pessimistic about the future of Soccer here.

"In my first State League game for Apia against Pan Hellenic, the crowd was 13,800 — you could always pack the ground when we played Pan Hellenic," recalled Keith.

"Look at it now. Sydney Olympic can draw a crowd but it is only half as big as it would have been in their State League days when I was playing."

Keith reckons Soccer is getting like cricket, with plenty of interest in the national team but few spectators for club matches.

THE two goal hero of Everton's 3-2 FA Cup win back in 1966, Mike Trebilcock, has made a dramatic shift for the 1986 season.

Last season Mike coached the Lake Macquarie City side in the Northern NSW State First Division with moderate success.

Prior to that he had coaching appointments with Cardiff, Mayfield and Stewarts and Lloyds.

However the 1986 season will see him drop way down to the Fifth Division, to take over the responsibility of the Newcastle Croatian Club.

His prediction is that the club will be in Division One in five years.

It is well accepted that Croatian clubs have a bottomless money barrel and Mike Trebilcock's appointment supports that concept as his services do not come cheaply.

MARK JANKOVICS is impatient to win back his place in the Marconi front line but coach Les Scheinflug is determined to resist the temptation to bring him back before he's fully fit.

"You have to be careful with hamstring injuries and there is no sense in rushing the player back if there is the slightest doubt that he could break down again," said Scheinflug.

"But Mark is dying to play," added the Marconi boss.

MANLY WARRING-AH youngster Bradley Glasscock, on a sponsored month of coaching and training with Manchester United, had the thrill of his young life last week.

United selected the boy for a game in their Youth team. Manchester United had a 2-0 win and Bradley turned in a good performance.

Although training at the Old Trafford club is now winding down, Bradley still puts in four hours every day.



MARK JANKOVICS, itching to get back into action for Marconi.

NICE to see Blacktown show attention to detail when they prepare their match programme.

When Wollongong City went to the Gabble Stadium every Wollongong player's name was spelt correctly in the programme.

Two weeks later, the Wolves were in Queanbeyan to tackle Inter Monaro and the team list was not quite up to scratch.

Even Ray Vlietstra found his name spelt VILESTRA and he was a regular in the Australian youth team.

In all five of the Wollongong names were spelt incorrectly.

COACH John Fleming wasn't too popular with Wollongong City fans or some of the directors before the Nanda Cup tie against Sydney Olympic.

Fleming dropped South American import Leon Arcosa on the Friday morning (Anzac Day) when he turned up 25 minutes later for training.

"The players know where they stand when it comes to punctuality and no-one can turn up late and make things tough for the other squad members," Fleming said.

"Arcosa lives locally now and I have players travelling from Sydney and getting here on time."

THE pleasure of having Wallsend back in the top league in Northern NSW is however tinged with more than a little sadness. The club will not be playing on their famous Crystal Place ground.

In recent years the team's fortunes sank to an all time low and financially they have had to battle to maintain themselves in the Second Division.

To bolster the funds, Rugby League was introduced to the hal-lowed turf.

Eventually the ground was sold to the New World food chain with media reports suggesting a relocation somewhere along Sandgate Road barely five minutes walk from the Austral ground.

Wallsend will play this season at the International Sports Centre the former home of Newcastle United.

WE were intrigued to know how an Italian called Morlando could have the christian name Jock!

Was the Wollongong Wolves player a Scottish Italian or an Italian Scot?

Wollongong captain Ray Vlietstra solved the mystery. "His real christian name is Giacomo — so the players just shortened it to Jock," said Ray.

"He is certainly not a Scotsman."

THE Australian Soccer Federation will announce a \$200,000 sponsorship shortly.

It will be from a cigarette company.

It will also disappoint supporters of the junior game throughout Australia and for many is not the right image for our Soccerroo team — none of whom incidentally smoke (cigarettes).

With breweries and cigarette companies throwing money around at the moment in the mill on dollar bracket, the \$200,000 deal, whilst on the surface looking good, is pretty miserable.

PROBABLY the most sweeping changes to a Northern NSW First Division side were made by the Highfields Azzurri club during the off season. Only two of last year's squad appear to be in the 1986 line-up.

A very heavy recruiting programme took place and a number of top players will wear the light blue shirts this season.

The club administrators have shown faith in coach Richard Hartley who hopes his second year will be more rewarding.

Former Rosebud players Malcolm McClelland, Brett Fawkes, Bernard Kerby and Brett Gemmell are just four of their rather impressive line up.



THE Australian Schoolboy squad that toured the UK early in the New Year are pictured above.

LES SCHEINFLUG, coach of Marconi, must be a hard man to please.

On the day after his team went to top place in the Olympic Airways National League, Scheinflug said: "We're on top by accident. The team is not playing well. It will have to play much better."

Perhaps it's just as well the Marconi mob is not in bottom place rather than top!

Hard taskmaster Les might shoot the whole bunch.

FOR those Soccer parents horrified by the increasing expense of paying for Soccer equipment spare a thought for ASW's Johnny Warren.

Warren's ten year old daughter Shannon is in to ice skating in a big way — 5am training sessions daily as well as after school weekend's etc.

Coaching costs — \$6 per QUARTER HOUR.

Crunch came last week when daughter ask father for a new pair of skating shoes —

Sure says Dad ... without knowing cost — \$519 ...

WOLLONGONG youth team midfielder John Brown has his sights set on following other South Coast players Paul Kay, Ray Vlietstra and Alex Bundalo into the Young Soccerroo team.

Brown is in the NSW youth squad and has a burning ambition to get to Chile with Les Scheinflug's team.

He is rated an outstanding talent and works on every aspect of training.

Not the best built midfielder around, he makes up for this with tons of skill and during the summer spent many hours working with weights at his local surf club.

ONE of the better quotes for the season came from South Melbourne coach John Margatits when asked how he could improve his team's performance.

"I'm a coach," he said, "not a doctor."

RECENTLY we reported that the Cooran-bong Bears had transferred to Dora Creek Workers Club and would battle it out to gain a place in the 1987 Fifth Division.

But suddenly their ambitions were realised without a ball being kicked. The Northern NSW directors elevated them to the Fifth Division for 1986 following the withdrawal of Greta-Branxton.

Dora Creek had all the criteria necessary to make the move, in particular, the enormous growth area through Eraring, Dora Creek, Morisset, Morisset Peninsula and Wyee.

THERE were shoulders to cry on for three sad coaches as they met at Melbourne Airport on the way home.

Neil McGachey (Hellas), Miron Bleiberg (Croatia) and Jim Hermiston (Lions) all had sad tales of defeat to tell.

RECENTLY injured Demon Jeff Ainsworth has enjoyed an illustrious career in England and the USA before coming to Australia.

He played for the Liverpool Reserves side which won the central league six times. So good were Liverpool Reserves that Bill Shankly was credited with saying "there are two great teams in England — Liverpool and Liverpool Reserves."

Jeff is quite a character in his own right but he must have found life a little trying when he was in the U.S. He shared a flat with Demons team mate Joe Carroll who is a well known practical joker. Every story they tell about the incidents in their long — term friendship involves in funny situation in which Jeff was always the victim.

It seems that Carroll takes hi sense of humour onto the pitch each week. In every exchange between a referee and Joe, the ref comes away smiling.

FORMER Soccerroo Ray Lloyd is a winner and he certainly got off to a great start in the 1986 season when his charges won the Alcan Pre-season competition. Ray is the newly elected coach of Lake Macquarie City club. With very few new signings the side was worthy winners in the series played at Weston Workers ground, situated in the Northern Coalfields.

CANTERBURY paraded their three new players in the shock 1-0 victory over Blacktown but it was not the two imports from Dinamo Zagreb who attracted most attention.

Berries coach Dom Kapetanovic said he was thrilled by the performance of former Wollongong player Bernie Godzik.

"He is obviously a very good player and I'm surprised he is not playing with one of the big clubs," said Kapetanovic.

ROSS BROWN has parted company with Rockdale Ilinden and is on the look-out for a new club.

An ever consistent goalscorer during his 11 years in the State League, Brown says, "I've worked hard during the pre-season and I don't want all of it wasted after a couple of games."

Ross is a free agent after three years with Rockdale and prior to that, eight with Canterbury.

ALL the complaints about the criteria for inclusion in next year's National League were swept aside by a NSL official when he said: "I'm certain, at the end of the season, 13 of the 14 leading teams in north and south divisions will qualify for the new 14-team competition."

"In other words, all the fuss and argument would probably only concern one vacancy."

"Is it worth creating such a disturbance about just one club?"

RAUL BLANCO is having a successful spell as coach of a third division team in his native Argentina.

The team is Dock Sud. They were constant losers until Blanco took over, in fact friends told him he was crazy to accept the position.

But Raul is having the last laugh. Dock Sud are top of the table and need only another couple of points to win promotion.

Blanco is also working in a smallgoods business in Buenos Aires in partnership with his brother.

RALE RASIC has no doubts who is the best goalkeeper in Australia — his own Apia Leichhardt man Tony Pezzano.

"Tony is by far the best in the country," said coach Rasic.

Rale wouldn't be biased, would he? We seem to remember he was equally enthusiastic about Bruce James not so long ago.

In fact, there is a glut of top goalkeepers this year — great news for national coach Frank Arok — including Pezzano, James, Terry Greedy, David Curtis, Jeff Oliver, Tony Franken and several more.



TONY PEZZANO

GARY BYRNE was recently sent overseas by his company, IBM, for two weeks. This would have meant that we had to miss the nanda Cup match against St George and the league match against Canterbury. But after Gary heard how well the team had played against St George he hurriedly concluded his business dealings and returned home early. It seems he was determined to regain his place in the team before they became so successful that they didn't need him!

THAT great group from Merseyside, "Gerry and the Pacemakers" were performing at Manly Warringah Leagues club.

Leader Gerry Marsden many years ago recorded the Liverpool Soccer theme song: "You'll Never Walk Alone" and it has always been the group's most popular number wherever Gerry and the boys perform.

Sydney Soccer was well represented at the Leagues club with Johnny Thomson, Kevin D'Arcy and ASW editor David Jack joining in the singing.

A great night - but not for one member of the audience. SBS's Alex Murphy was there. He's a mad keen Everton fan and every time Gerry and the Pacemakers went into the Liverpool "hymn" Alex complained: "I'll go crazy if they sing it again."

But Alex survived and was able to front at Pratten Park on the Sunday to shed tears over Liverpool pipping his beloved Everton for the first division title.

WALLSEND "Red Devils" returned to the Northern NSW State First Division and picked up a point by playing a draw with Adamstown. While the game may not have set the place on fire, it did mean points on the board.

Wallsend has been in the wilderness for years and Northern fans are pleased to see them back in the top league. Years ago there was a saying: "When Wallsend are doing well so is Soccer." It may be an omen.

WOLLONGONG City players don't listen to race tips from midfielder Willie Murray any more.

They travelled to Queanbeyan the day before their game against Inter Monaro and Murray told team-mates he had a certainty in the second race at Newcastle.

The trouble was he didn't have any money to back the horse, but borrowed \$40 from assistant coach Glenn Fontana.

He borrowed the money before they reached Mittagong TAB assuring Fontana he had his State Bank card with him and would withdraw money from the machine at Goulburn.

Unfortunately for Fontana the machine at the bank wasn't working and it became necessary to take up a collection among the other players.

Oh yes, the horse missed a place.

AND the one from coach Jimmy Campbell of SA State League champion Salisbury, which has been hit by a run of injuries this season.

"I'm going to advertise for defenders," said Campbell.

"And one of the stipulations is that they have a certificate saying they won't get injured."

CASH went begging at the Adelaide Hellas-Adelaide City Nanda Cup match.

With only two gates open, it is estimated at least 1000 fans missed the first goal in the eleventh minute as they queued to get in — and several gave up and went home.

EXCEPT for two players, the Northern NSW Premiers Belmont-Swansea, will rely on last year's squad in their pursuit of honours this season.

Former Newcastle, Adamstown and Highfields star Neville Power would be the outstanding purchase closely allied to the signing of Dale Robertson.

With last season's leading goalscorer Peter Winsor in the side the club is expecting another great year.

CANBERRA CITY Olympians, despite constant rumours, will be well and truly in the National Soccer League this season and perhaps next.

A raffle for a Mercedes car is expected to raise 60,000 dollars for the Canberra based club.

Canberra also has a series of dinner dances planned for the Downer Olympic Club which are expected to more than provide the necessary funds for this season.

THE names Robert and Paul Corbett could figure prominently on the score sheets below the initials CCA this season. CCA stands for Central Coast Association which plays in the Northern NSW State First Division competition.

Both men scored goals in their side's 3-1 victory over pre-season champions Lake Macquarie City.

CCA did not play in the pre-season matches and could be thinking that the trophy could have been on their shelf instead of Lake Macquarie.

ARLINGTON, home ground of Canterbury, has been cleared for National League football by NSL chief executive Stefan Kamasz.

Kamasz inspected the controversial ground last week and, while he said it was not the best in the league, it was of acceptable standard.

A couple of weeks ago, Marconi coach Les Scheinflug condemned the pitch, saying it should not be used for important matches.

Berries coach Dom Kapetanovic had a blunt reply for Scheinflug when he said: "Some of the grounds in England are dreadful in winter but you still see plenty of good football played on them."

FORMER Newcastle star Malcolm McClelland is back into serious football again. Now settled into a fine teaching position he joined the Highfields club at the beginning of the year.

Malcolm is shedding the weight and should soon be back to his best. As some have said, "Wouldn't it be good to have him in there backing up the forwards in the Rosebud line-up?"

And there are a lot who would agree.

WHILE some critics may imagine Craig Johnston has lost his chance of ever playing international football, Craig himself does not share that pessimistic view.

Although the Aussie failed to win selection for Scotland's World Cup squad, he is young enough to get a place in Scotland's team of the future.

When ASW spoke to Craig about this, he said: "I've been told I could be in line for Scottish honours after the World Cup when manager Alex Ferguson returns to club football so I'm keeping my finger crossed."



Australia's, (soon to become Scotland's) own, **CRAIG JOHNSTON** in action for Newcastle in 1982. He's not the first Aussie to play in an FA Cup Final.

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BY ASW's NEIL JAMESON in London

"CAN you get us a ticket?" The question was heard wherever you went on Merseyside as the season's final encounter between Britain's finest clubs drew nearer.

In Liverpool the business of securing tickets for the first all Merseyside FA Cup Final seemed more important than the outcome of the match. In hotel lobbies, bars, taxis and night clubs the bidding for the precious few tickets still in the hands of touts or players and officials reached desperate heights.

Tickets with a face value of £30 (\$60) soared past the £300 (\$600) mark within a day of Everton and Liverpool winning their respective semi-finals a month ago.

Thousands of Goodison and Anfield regulars had to resign to the fact that this was one Wembley encounter they'd have to watch on TV. As the taxi-driver who drove us to Anfield for the recent Liverpool v Birmingham match observed: "If Wembley could hold 200,000, there would still be thousands who couldn't get their hands on a ticket."

And one could understand the desperation. On football-mad Merseyside, the Goodison and Anfield camps last season showed they are Britain's best by finishing one-two in the championship race. This season the rivalry was even more intense as the pair, once again fought out a tight finish, again finishing one-two.

The newspapers devoted countless columns to



ONE of the stars from Wembley on the weekend — KENNY DALGLISH.

the likely outcome. It is history now that the League trophy is now at Anfield, Liverpool's home ground.

However, most dispassionate observers tipped Everton to win at Wembley. They cited Everton's obvious big-match class, their second-round league victory over

Liverpool and the fact that the Blues were desperate to atone for last year's Cup Final loss to Manchester United and the loss of this season's championship.

David Speedie, Scotland's World Cup winger, who was a member of the Chelsea side which chased the top two for much of the season, leaned towards Everton.

I spoke to Speedie at a Soccer dinner held just a fortnight before the Final and he needed little deliberation before nominating Everton.

"They simply look more solid than Liverpool," he commented and added that the recent return from injury of Peter Reid and Kevin Sheedy gave Everton the balance of skill and experience that carried them to last season's League-Cup Winners-Cup double. Since their 1984 FA Cup victory, Everton have made two additional Wembley appearances in Liverpool's uncharacteristic absence.

Moreover, there was a suspicion on Merseyside that the Final is somewhat of a bogey for Liverpool.

In their 94-year history that includes a record 15 League championship (10 since 1963-64), the Reds before Saturday's match had won just two FA Cups.

It was the only domestic trophy to escape the talents of the immortal Kenny Dalglish MBE and, at 35, he was almost certainly contemplating his last chance at a Cup-winners medal.

Player-manager Dalglish set the pundits a puzzle by preferring Gary Gillespie to Mark Lawrenson for the 5-0 victory over Birmingham. Central defender Gillespie, playing only his 12th League game of the season, scored a hat-trick and left everybody wondering whether the immensely talented Lawrenson might miss Wembley.

Lawrenson, at £900,000

(\$1.8 million) is Liverpool's record signing and a veteran of the Reds' recent reign in Europe and at home. But, King Kenny, in relegating the defender to the bench, dropped the heavy hint that recent form might count more than reputation when he named the Wembley side.

Johnston's role in Dalglish's planning could not be underestimated. Save for goalkeeper Grobelaar, Johnston this season played more first division games than any other player. That consistency helped carry the Reds into this most historic of Cup Finals and added an extra spark of interest for many of those Aussies who were crowded around TV at midnight last Saturday, 20,000 kilometres from Wembley.

Dalglish had talent aplenty on hand with Paul Walsh, Sammy Lee and Steve McMahon all waiting in the reserves for possible call-up. But, it is the broken leg suffered by regular No.12 John Wark that posed a real problem for the Liverpool boss. Dalglish has partnered Rush up front since late February during which period the Reds have lost just once, ironically to Everton.

But could the Liverpool manager take the risk of not having a recognised goalscorer on the bench at Wembley?

In the diminutive Adrian Heath, Everton has a genuine "super sub," the like of which has not been sighted at Anfield since David Fairclough

(currently pursued by Brisbane Lions) left Liverpool.

In Heath, Everton had the bench power to support the strike capabilities of Graeme Sharp and the first division's number one, Gary Lincker.

The Wembley encounter held fascination for football fans well beyond Merseyside. Not since Joe Marston's 1954 appearance had a player from Australia played in an FA Cup Final.

In Craig Johnston, Aussie fans had a real stake in the decider. Johnston has enjoyed a golden year at Liverpool as indicated by a section of Liverpool's supporters' network which recently presented him with a handsome trophy for winning its player of the year prize.



ANTHONY FRANKEN flies high to deny Blacktown's Kevin Keegan. He's in the train-on squad.

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TOP TEAM-PICKING JOB FROM AROK

BY DAVID JAC

NATIONAL coach Frank Arok has done a remarkably efficient job in selecting his "new" Soccerroo squad to prepare for forthcoming matches in the Olympic Games qualifying tournament.

Arok has named a 21-man squad, basically young and inexperienced, but still bristling with talent and potential.

In the main, the players who took Australia so close to World Cup qualification last year have been moved to one side in order to give youth a go. This is an excellent decision from Arok.

Nothing would be gained by taking players like John Kosmina, Steve O'Connor, Graham Jennings and David Ratcliffe into a training camp.

Arok knows their capabilities inside out. He could learn nothing from calling them up for yet another training camp.

Instead, the national coach has cast his net wide to pull in just about all of the outstanding candidates in the Northern Division of the National League for the next World Cup

and, perhaps, the World Cup after that.

Make no mistake, this squad is excitingly blessed with international promise.

I was delighted to see players like Tony Franken, Paul Carter, Gerry Gomez, Tony Dakos, Robert Wheatley, David Lowe, Manis Lamond and Robbie Slater included. Indeed, there is hardly one player in Arok's list with a question mark against his ability.

Maybe Mark Brown, John Paul de Marigny, Alex Bundalo, Grant Lee and Wally Savor may still have some way to go before earning international selection but, for all that, they are still very useful performers.

The recall of Marshall Soper from the wilderness is another intelligent move from Arok.

Soper will not gain

automatic entry to the Soccerroo club of which he was once a prominent member: but he now has the chance to rehabilitate himself after the trauma of his withdrawal from last season's World Cup squad.

Nobody denies Soper is a talented footballer. Now he has to satisfy Arok that he is in the right frame of mind to do a big job for Australia.

As Ray Gatt observed in the SYDNEY MORNING HERALD: "Judging by the players Arok has selected, Australian Soccer looks in remarkable shape."

That just about sums up the situation.

There must be a great reservoir of talent going around if the national coach can afford to leave out so many World Cup heroes and replace them with so many very good youngsters.

AND NOW FOR CANBERRA CROATIA . . .

SYDNEY Croatia and Melbourne Croatia have already established themselves as two of the NSL's leading clubs.

Among our better teams, both favoured for upper class status in this year's NSL, soundly backed in a financial and supporter sense even the greatest opponents of including Croatian teams in our major league would have to admit they are contributing more than most.

Now Canberra Croatia is making a move for better things.

Not national league status as the club feels it is difficult for any one club to support a national league team in Canberra.

But Croatia have applied for admission to the NSW State League next year.

With the blessing of the

ACT Soccer Federation, Canberra's Croatian club feels it has to step up in standard to satisfy its members and provide Soccer fans in the ACT with a better league.

With Downer Olympic (Canberra City Olympians) and Inter Monaro involved in the national league, the local competition has suffered.

Croatia leads the way with Juventus and Belconnen providing the only threats to them winning yet another championship.

Whether Croatia is successful depends on just what is going to happen to the national league, and consequently the state league next year.

But they would be a

welcome addition to the NSW set up.

Like its Melbourne and Sydney counterparts, Canberra Croatia has first class financial backing, its own ground alongside its splendid club house and possibly the most supporters of any club in the ACT, Canberra City Olympians and Inter Monaro included.

President Ivan Bulum, treasurer Peter Tijan and former Melbourne Croatia, South Coast and Canberra City star Ivan Gruicic are leading the push for NSW status.

It has offered to subsidise visiting clubs with complimentary bus transport to and from Canberra plus meals before and after the match for

visiting teams.

It has an excellent ground which will upgrade its spectator facilities next season and averages even now in the Canberra competition an average paying home crowd of 800 fans.

On the field it already has a competitive team.

Pre season results againsts NSL opposition saw it draw with Canterbury 2-2, lose to Marconi 0-2, beat Canberra City 2-0 and lose to Inter Monaro 2-4.

Its current sponsorship amounts to \$30,000. An amount which will be automatically doubled should they play in the NSW competition.

Among its leading backers are Trend Windows and Reg Daly Real Estate.

Gruicic, the former darling of the Canberra City team in the days when you couldn't get a seat in the Bruce Stadium grandstand, shares the responsibilities of the first team with former under 23 Australian international and Inter Monaro star Walter Valeri.

Gruicic speaks highly of his current squad with several key acquisitions would be a credit to the NSW League.

Former Inter Monaro players John Santolin and Mark Francis have added stability to the defence this year.

Marco Urkic from Rijeka Croatia is also another valuable acquisition this season.

Twenty year old twin brothers Andrew Milolozza (the vice captain and left midfielder) and Joseph (centre back) are two of Croatia's proudest possessions.

In fact the current team fields another set of brothers — Emil Maricic, 21, who has scored seven goals in the last two games and deputy goalkeeper Denis Maricic who is only 17 and has been deputising for the former Inter Monaro goalkeeper Gino Caputo.

Former Canberra City player Dornie Lustica is according to Gruicic playing better than ever.

Gruicic has had his work cut out trying to retain star player Stan Dukic in Canberra.

Several NSL clubs have been chasing Dukic for some time now however Dukic has decided to stay loyal to the club which gave him his first opportunity.

"Stan is our key player as well as being captain and although I have few doubts he would make it in the NSL it's great news that he is staying with us," says Gruicic.

Canberra Croatia fields 11 teams in the junior league from under 7 to under 18.

Former Yugal and Canberra City star Nick Boskov is in charge of the club's reserve team.

(Below) Pele just 18-years-old cries with joy after Brazil's 1958 World Cup triumph. Pele is third on the all-time World Cup scorers list.



This week Johnny Warren checks out Canberra Croatia

Our great game is all about goals and here are the goals scored in previous World Cups plus the individual scoring records of the games leading scorers:

Year	Organiser	Total	Matches	Average per match
1930	Uruguay	70	18	3.88
1934	Italy	70	17	4.11
1938	France	84	18	4.66
1950	Brazil	88	22	4.00
1954	Switzerland	140	26	5.38
1958	Sweden	126	35	3.60
1962	Chile	89	32	2.78
1966	England	89	32	2.78
1970	Mexico	95	32	2.96
1974	Germany FR	97	38	2.55
1978	Argentina	102	38	2.68
1982	Spain	146	52	2.80
Total		1196	360	3.51

The "eternal" List of World Cup goalscorers

Gerd Müller	(Germany FR)	1970-1974	14
Just Fontaine	(France)	1958	13
Pelé	(Brazil)	1958-1970	12
Sandor Kocsis	(Hungary)	1954	11
Helmut Rahn	(Germany FR)	1954-1958	10
Ademir	(Brazil)	1950	9
Vava	(Brazil)	1958-1962	9
Uwe Seeler	(Germany FR)	1958-1970	9
Eusebio	(Portugal)	1966	9
Jairzinho	(Brazil)	1970-1974	9
Paolo Rossi	(Italy)	1978-1982	9
Guillermo Stabile	(Argentina)	1930	8
Leonidas	(Brazil)	1934-1938	8
Karl-Heinz Rummenigge	(Germany FR)	1978-1982	8
Juan-Alberto Schiaffino	(Uruguay)	1950-1954	7
Hans Schäfer	(Germany FR)	1954-1958	7
Lajos Tichy	(Hungary)	1958-1962	7
Grzegorz Lato	(Poland)	1974	7
Oldrich Nejedly	(Czechoslovakia)	1934-1938	6
Josef Hügi	(Switzerland)	1954	6
Max Morlock	(Germany FR)	1954	6
Erich Probst	(Austria)	1954	6
Valentin Ivanov	(USSR)	1958-1962	6
Helmut Haller	(Germany FR)	1962-1970	6
Rivelino	(Brazil)	1970-1974	6
Mario Kempes	(Argentina)	1978	6
Rob Rensenbrink	(Netherlands)	1974-1978	6

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IT WON'T BE BUNGLING BRAZIL IN MEXICO!

Brazil's World Cup prospects

by FRANK COLETTA

IF Brazil's recent defeats in Europe are to be used as any form guide for the Mexican World Cup then it seems the magical maestros from Samba country could be ruled out as any sort of danger.

That's about as wrong as anyone could be. The stark contrasts of wintry, cold and miserable Europe and the heat, altitude and rarified atmosphere in Mexico make a big difference.

During their tour of Europe, Brazil were pummeled by both West Germany and Hungary, 2-0 and 3-0 respectively.

Along with this came the news of the sacking from the squad of star players, Eder and Sidney. Worse also when it was discovered that some members of the Brazilian train-on squad arrived at training drunk of all things.

These players included stylish right-back Leandro and Renato who were both banished from the World Cup squad... and reprieved, all inside 48 hours.

The disgraced duo staggered back to their hotel five hours late for their curfew.

Clearly legless, they had no excuse to offer and were told: "You are banished for being drunk and disobedient."

But Brazilian Federation chief Navi Avi Chedid intervened and after a blistering personal dressing down to both, issued them with a severe warning that one further breach of discipline would end their international careers.

Leandro, however, later pulled out of the squad, saying he was not fit for Mexico.

For all their troubles, by the time the curtain goes up in Mexico in three weeks time, Santana and his men will be more than

a formidable force.

Santana's reappointment was very popular throughout Brazil, even considering that he was blamed for the team's failure in Spain in 1982. After the Cup he vowed he would never work for his country again. Strong words indeed!

For all the dramatisation that followed their elimination in 1982, Santana came back after seeing the plight of his former team which saddened him.

Santana then gave in to the pleading of the Brazilian Federation.

He immediately named 29 players, including 36-year-old goalkeeper, Emerson Leao, the last survivor from the 1970 winning squad.

Dirceu was also recalled at 33 from his lowly Italian club Como.

Having reassured Falcao, Zico, Socrates, Oscar and Junior that the fact they're all over 30 does not worry him, Santana turned to Brazil's youth.

Silas, a 20-year-old from Sao Paulo, and his striking partner Luiz Antonio Correra Costa, better known as Muller, also 20, are ready to show the world their undoubted skill.

Walter Casagrande is a strong and powerful centre-forward who will be one of the stars of their side. Then there are the wingers Renato and Marinho.

Santana now has his Italian-based players but it is likely that they will take right up until the kick-off to readjust to the Brazilian style of play.

Along with this comes a change of positions for some of the players.

Junior, for example, is first choice left-back for Brazil but operates from the midfield for Torino in Italy.

Also most of these over-30's will have to blend in with the crop of youngsters, most of whom they've never seen let alone played with or against.

Unlike 1982 when San-

tana had sole control of team matters, this time he is forced to work with the new directors of the Confederacao Brasileira Futbol (CBF).

For all his troubles though, Tele Santana possesses a squad riddled with some of the best talent in the world. A squad that will take an awesome amount of stopping at the scene of their 1970 triumph — Mexico.

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THERE are currently serious doubts over whether Zico will make the World Cup, in fact pessimistic reports say he has no chance of making the Finals. His knee muscle injury has continued to flare up and at the start of May he was advised he needed 30 days of rest... yes until the day after the World Cup kick-off!

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PRIOR to this depressing news, Zico had vowed: "I am scoring goals, fully fit, full of confidence in my ability to penetrate the best defences in the world and determined to bow out of the game at the very top — a World Cup Final." "I want to finish with a winner's medal so that I will be talked of in the same breath as Pele, Jairzinho, Carlos Alberto, Tostao and Gerson." "People who think I am finished are in for a shock."

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Fears that Tele Santana might have dispensed with the household names were dismissed as soon as he was reinstated.

In fact he named a list of players of such quality it would terrify the rest of the world.

All along he has had the notion of combining the skilful talents of Zico, Socrates, Junior, Cerezo, Oscar, Falcao and Leandro with the youth and immense promise of new boys Silas, Muller, Dida and Sidinei.



In spite of falling in the recent 3-0 defeat in Hungary, young striker Silas is set to lead the Brazilian attack in Mexico.

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PAULO ROBERTO FALCAO is in the news also. Recently he inspired Sao Paulo to their 5-2 aggregate victory over Fluminense to become

Brazil's Champion of Champions. National manager Tele Santana was even more impressed though by the form of Under-21 international, Silas.

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FALCAO has also made a pretty stern comment about his club future. After being tossed out by AS Roma last season, Falcao has shocked Italy by declaring that he will be back after this upcoming World Cup. He admitted: "I was worried I would miss the 1986 Finals if I was still playing in Europe."

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BANISHED Brazilian star Eder is definitely on his way to Europe after the World Cup Finals although he won't be there.

He and Renaldo are both moving. Spurs of England are interested in Eder although his "bad boy" fiery image might turn a few bidders away. The talk is also that Ita-

lian clubs may be seeking his signature.

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MULLER

BRAZIL are favourites to win the World Cup, but if they are to do so they will have to improve a great

deal on their performances of the last 18 months.

They've played 14 games, won seven, drew two and lost five. At home they were beaten 1-0 in a friendly and when it counted most they could only draw twice, 1-1 v Paraguay and 1-1 v Bolivia in World Cup qualifiers.

Their latest match was a 4-0 slamming of East Germany at home.

My View

As ever, Brazil are one of the favourites. Quite rightly so because what is a World Cup without the Brazilians? They'll qualify without concern from their Group. They'll go on to the quarter-finals from the second round and then their at times suspect defence, especially against the high-crossed ball, will be tested. You'd be a brave man to bet against Brazil at least making the semis.



BRAZIL prepare to take on East Germany. Captained by Oscar they won 4-0.

—SPAIN SEARCH FOR— —STRIKE POWER—

BY FRANK COLETTA

SINCE their disastrous effort in the 1982 World Cup at home, Spain have had a major rebuild and gone on to bigger and better things.

Miguel Munoz is in charge of a side that now is built around skill and class rather than the sheer butchery many Spanish teams have previously been noted for.

Their most recent result was a first-class 3-0 whipping of the strong Polish side.

The side is dominated (and quite rightly) by Real Madrid players, in total there are six in the team.

The Real side took out the Spanish League and the UEFA Cup this season and look good bets for the 1987 European Cup Final already.

Since Munoz took over the Spanish national team in the wake of their 1982 Cup fiasco, their record has been full of lucky breaks.

A 12-1 win over Malta gained a seemingly impossible place in the 1984 European Championship on goal difference.

During the actual Finals in France, a 90th minute header by sweeper Antonio Maceda gave them a last-gasp victory over West Germany and saved them from an undignified exit.

Even though this was their only win of the entire tournament, it was enough for them to reach the Final and finish runners-up to France.

Now they have qualified for Mexico despite emphatic defeats in Scotland and Wales, with a shaky 2-1 win in Iceland proving to be the decisive result.

Yet Spain have enough talent to be a world force and one of the forces in the World Cup. Their defence is hard, strong, often ruthless, the midfield full of craftsmen and skill yet they lack the strike force up front.

Emilio Butragueno for all his class as a forward plays a withdrawn role and he is rarely in one-on-

one positions. The Spaniards possess a wealth of gifted midfielders so Munoz in an attempt to beat his striking problem has been experimenting with the 4-5-1 formation.

This system is not unlike that of European champions, France. Both countries are endowed with tremendous midfield talent but a lack of quality strikers.

Classy left-midfielder Rafael Gordillo has fully recovered from a broken leg . . . this he demonstrated in Real's UEFA Cup-winning display.

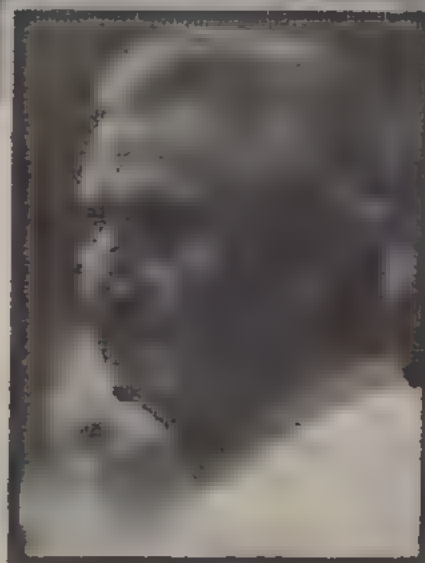
His Madrid team-mate Jose Miguel Gonzalez (Michel) has made powerful shooting his trade mark and this facet of his game made an enormous impact; Ramon Caldera has laid claim to a permanent place through his excellent distribution and finishing and Seville's Francisco Lopez could be a major find of the tournament.

Spain's defence is marshalled by the now infamous "Butcher of Bilbao" Andoni Goicochea. He is still as uncompromising as ever but is not

followed around by Migueli any longer.

Spain's official verdict "being in Mexico is already a big victory" can be considered in two ways. First a symptom of the Spaniards' disturbing lack of ambition in World Cups and a cover-up as to how they may perform this year.

They do qualify regularly but tend to drift anonymously in and out of the Finals — even in 1982 when they put up one of the drabest shows ever produced by the host nation.



SPAIN's supremo, MIGUEL MUNOZ.

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My View

They can't possibly perform any worse than they did in 1982 when all that went their way were the referee's decisions and the support of the home crowd. They will be battling hard against

the other two in the Group, Northern Ireland and Algeria for the second spot. Put it this way . . . they could finish as high as second in the Group or go out in the first phase so close are these three teams.



SPAIN line-up prior to meeting and beating Scotland.



APIA's NEW POLES HAVE ARRIVED

APIA's two new Polish players, hopefully, will add polish to their side which lacks experience, maturity and stability.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

The first of the two, 29 year old Janusz Baran, arrived last week with his wife Anna and their little child after a 28 hour flight from Warsaw to begin serving out his two year contract with the club.

Baran is an attacking midfielder and his last club was Belgium's second division side, Mons. He has also played eight years with Poland's leading club, Legia Warsaw, as well as having played in the American Major In-

door Soccer League for Pittsburgh.

Baran made his debut in the first half for Apia last Sunday in their 2-1 home defeat at Lambert Park.

Rale Rasic, Apia's coach, vouched for Baran highly:

"He is a marvellous player who has been capped five times by Poland and has played alongside the great Boniek.

"Baran likes to attack from deep and he knows how to work the ball, possessing excellent skills."

About Boniek, Baran told a press conference at the Apia Club: "He is an honest, superb player with magic skills and pace."

Apia's second Polish star arrived last Saturday morning.

He is Edward Lorens who has played for Ruch Chorzow for a period of 10 years making appearances in the national side as well as playing two years in Austria.

Both Baran and Lorens will play next Sunday for Apia when they travel to the ACT for their match at the Bruce Stadium against Canberra City.

MY STATE TEAM

PICKING a State Team for a one off game is a different proposition to selections for a long term situation.



NSW STATE COACH
ALAN VEST

I've gone as far looking at players, as well as looking at players who did well in last year's game. Some of the selections might also give players on the fringe of national selection a chance to stake their claim.

For Queensland these types of games are a big boost for their players and judging by previous years crowds, for spectators as well. It a chance for their players to play against current Socceroos and attempt to overshadow them.

This year's game appears to be an even bigger incentive for their players especially with the possibility of losing one or both teams in the national league next season.

There have been a few comments regarding resurrecting a state team competition. Basically for Queensland, West Australia, South Australia and Tasmania there would be a lot of value. It would

boost the code as well as giving their public a chance to see how their players measured up to the big city boys and the Socceroos players. However for NSW and Victoria it might be difficult with the congested fixture lists and especially now that the Socceroos have a more comprehensive program.

Still, it is good to see Queensland promoting the code by persevering with the annual NSW clash. The squad I've selected will do everything to make the game a spectacle, and obviously will be out to make it three in a row.

The only omission from the squad is Robbie Slater who has been in top form this season, but as he

would have been the only player selected from Blacktown, I decided because of their cup commitment against Heidelberg in Melbourne not to pick him, so that he can play for his club.

The squad though is a mixture of youth and experience.

St George: Greedy, Gibson, Ratcliffe; Sydney City: Gomez, Robertson, Kosmina, Farina; Sydney Olympic: Raskopoulos, Kalantiris; Marconi: Treddinick, Lowe; Sydney Croatia: Jennings, Arnold; Leichhardt: Bertogna.

The game is at Perry Park Brisbane on Sunday June 1st, when the 3rd round of the Nanda Cup is scheduled to take place.



APIA coach Rale Rasic is seen speaking to Polish recruit, Janusz Baran at the Travelodge Motel.

CANBERRA COULD BE WORRIED AT HOME BY APIA'S POLISH PAIR

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

CANBERRA CITY, struggling for League points of late, face this Sunday the visiting Apia, who will be sporting their two new polished, Polish signings, at the Bruce Stadium.

Canberra suffered another loss last Sunday, going down to Sydney Croatia 2-0.

Had it not been for their immaculate goalkeeper, Anthony Franken, the score could have been trebled.

How much longer can Franken cop such severe constant exposure by his team-mates?

Canberra will have in their midfield their new signing from Apia, Jim Hamilton. Big things are expected from Hamilton when he faces his old club.

Apia was able to hold the high-flying Sydney Olympic to 1-1 till the dying stages of the match last Sunday before Olympic scored through Kalant-

zis to grab both points.

Against Sydney Croatia, utility defender, Jimmy Cant, twisted his ankle and is doubtful for Sunday's game.

Canberra is suffering from not having a specialised sweeper to clean up balls knocked over the top of their back-four which makes them look vulnerable.

Apia are expected to field one of their Polish imports Janusz Baran up front, whilst the other will come into the midfield. Edward Lorens (midfielder) has played in the Polish First Division for 10 years and joins Alex Bundalo and Zivko Hristovski in the middle-line.



ANTHONY FRANKEN

COACHING CASUALTIES

BY ALAN VEST

THINGS really are hotting up on the coaching circuit with another NSL coach parting company with the club and another State League coach going also.

So with only five games of the season Gordon Arrowsmith of Brisbane Lions, Roy Thomson of Canberra and now Neil McGachey of West Adelaide are gone, Atti Abbonyi from Rockdale, Raul Carruso from Auburn and now Stan Ackersley from Warringah.

Pressure on coaches this season because of the proposed new formats is unbelievable, but clubs striving for success have to realise that in the end success usually comes with stability on the coaching side and also on the playing side.

Looking at successful clubs such as Liverpool in England and our own Sydney city, who have built their success on club stability, only buying the odd

player each year.

A more refreshing note though, was Sydney Olympic's decision to re-appoint Manfred Schaefer for next season. This was a great gesture by the club, but a deserving one also. Manfred has done a tremendous job for the club over the last few years and I am sure with the stability now coming to the club will prove their continued success.

However you can bet the next few weeks will see more changes, and the word around the grounds is that up to four of the southern section NSL clubs could be parting company with their coaches. It is certainly living up to its name as the most precarious profession in the world.


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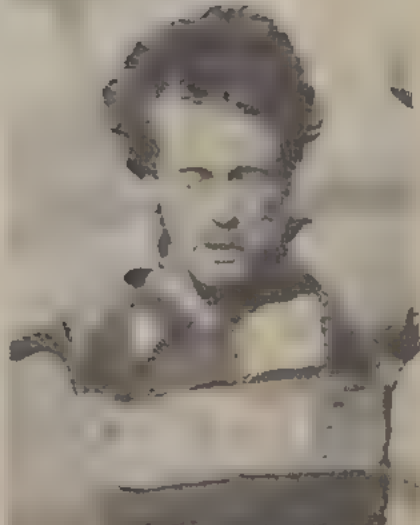
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SYDNEY CITY STARS IN DOUBT FOR SYDNEY OLYMPIC CLASH

BY JOHN KOSMINA

JOE WATSON, Steve O'Connor and John Kosmina, could all miss next Sunday's Big Match against Sydney Olympic at the Sydney Athletic Field through suspension.

All three stars had point balances on their record cards before last weekend's match against Canterbury Marrickville, and all three were booked again on Sunday.

"We could be in a bit of bother against Olympic. It all depends on what the referee's report going into the NSL during the week says as to what penalties will be dished out.

"You could say we will have our backs to the wall on Sunday," said a worried Sydney City manager-coach, Eddie Thomson last night.

THOMSON'S OPTIONS

Should all three stars be

pended during the week, Thomson has many options available to him.

Automatically, right-midfielder, Gerardo Gomez would drop back to stopper to cover O'Connor's vacated spot.

The fabulous left-back, Jean Paul de Marigny would be pushed up into midfield to replace Watson thus allowing Ean Rodrigues to come into the back-four line.

Kosmina's spot, should Australia's World Cup captain be suspended, could be given to the club's tough skipper, Murray Barnes, or even the young Arabic striker, Abbas Saad.

Saad has shown great promise in the Youth League and could be given a shirt by Thomson. He has played a few games in the first team during this season's Ampol Cup.

Kosmina again is showing early form, having scored seven League goals already from six matches.

OVERTIME

Thomson said: "We will have to work overtime to contain Soper and Kalantzis.

"Both are match-winners and Kalantzis again proved this last Sunday with his late winning goal against Apia.

"We must also attempt to block their captain, Peter Raskopoulos who delivers an abundance of ball-supply to his strikers.

"But Olympic does have a weakness in its back-four and we will aim to exploit that weakness."

UNDEFEATED

Sydney City cannot afford to drop any more League points if they desire to retain their NSL championship title.

Sitting in sixth place after six rounds on the ladder with six League points, the NSL champs have had a mixed season so far with two wins, two draws plus two losses, scoring a neat dozen but stranglely enough, conceding 10.

Sydney Olympic on the other hand still remain the only undefeated side in the Olympic Airways Soccer League.

Sitting at the top of the ladder with nine League points, Olympic have scored 16 goals and conceded seven.

WINGERS

Probably the best double-set of wingers in the NSL will be on display on Sunday.

Sydney City's exciting young Frank Farina and Grant Lee, will stretch Olympic's defence to its limit.

Sydney Olympic will reply with the block-busting Chris Kalantzis and Marshall Soper.

Soper, although not an orthodox winger, relishes going out wide to take on his full-back and entertain the crowd with his antics.

A big crowd is expected at the Sydney Athletic Field on Sunday as the rivalry between these two clubs is almost as keen as that between Liverpool and Everton.

JOE MULLEN HUNTS GREEN AND GOLD

JOE MULLEN, currently a front runner for Adelaide City, is back in the hunt for a Soccerroo berth.

Three years ago he was on coach Frank Arok's national list.

But when his St George club team visited City, Arok told Mullen to keep training hard, get fitter and prove he could run for a full 90 minutes.

BY TOM MCKAY

Mullen is doing more than that.

He is now chasing everything in attack, coming from midfield when he has to, and is always one of the first men back in defence when the opposition charges.

And while he was shaded at the start of the season by his bigger and more rugged attacking partner Steve Maxwell, Mullen is the classier scorer.

He scored a "Goal of the Season" in the opening round home game against Footscray when he produced a classic in the 7-1 win, while Maxwell was ramming in a hat-trick.

Then, against South Melbourne, it was Mullen who got the only goal of the match, with another individual effort.

Maxwell's initial burs, appears to have died, after leading the OASL top scorers list over the opening rounds of the season.

And it would be no surprise if Mullen's name has gone on Arok's list after the SA Soccerroo trial last week.

In his current form, and with his present work-rate, Mullen is an ideal all-rounder for the Australian squad.

While he can grab goals and hustle any defence, he made his name as a midfielder when a youngster, and this season has demonstrated that when the chips are down he can fill in for any full-back.

His scoring rate in the summer night Ampol Cup saw him rack up six to be top marksman.

Since then he has been content to let Maxwell take the limelight, but it now looks as if Mullen is ready to again take on the role of target man and striker-in-chief, as he was when first brought to the notice of Arok.

Now 22, Mullen is a more mature player and appears set for his best season — provided his team-mates can sustain their present charge, and keep clear of any further injuries.



JOE MULLEN above holding the SA Ampol Cup.

SCHEINFLUG NOT HAPPY WITH MARCONI

BY JOHN KOSMINA

MARCONI's coach Les Scheinflug was not too happy with his team, especially after last Sunday's away loss to St George.

Next Sunday, Marconi are at home to visiting Newcastle Rosebud, and Scheinflug was ultra-cautious about any predictions last night.

"We have not been playing too well over the last three or four weeks and it had to happen last Sunday when we went down to the Saints.

"They got a penalty, scored another, and that was it. We didn't get back into the game," he said.

But Scheinflug for next Sunday's match, will bring into the midfield his new Argentinian player, Adrian Janin.

"He is well composed on the ball and will be our playmaker. Also we will have Craig Mason back from suspension. I will

push Peter Tredinnick up into attack," said Scheinflug.

But Marconi despite getting Mason back from suspension, will be relieved of their left-back, Joe Rizzotto.

Rizzotto will miss the Newcastle match through suspension and his spot will be filled by utility-back, Lee Sterrey.

Scheinflug expects his attack-line of David Lowe, Rod Brown and Tredinnick to show more punch on Sunday and bring in the goals that will earn them their League points.

"Newcastle despite their home loss to Wollongong last Sunday, are an honest team and very hard to beat at anytime. But I am more

worried about my team at the moment than them," stated Scheinflug.

It is no secret that Mark Jankovics' prolonged absence from Marconi's attack is causing more than a little worry for Scheinflug.

Jankovics has been out for five weeks and looks very doubtful for the immediate future.

Newcastle were beaten at home by Wollongong City 1-0 through a penalty scored by South American wizard, Saul Rivera.

But Newcastle had a golden opportunity to balance the books when they too were awarded a penalty, but defender Ralph Maier was unsuccessful from the spot.

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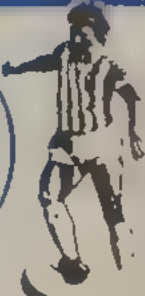
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THE QUEENSLAND REPORT

With Greg Russell

LIONS AND COOPER TO TACKLE BLUES

THE Queensland team to play New South Wales at Perry Park on June 1 is shaping to be Brisbane Lions plus Kieran Cooper.

The Brisbane City Irish import is looming as about the only player outside of the Lions contingent who has the form to be included in Bruce Stowell's Maroons side.

Injuries and loss of form are starting to make the Queensland team very easy to pick.

Lions have 10 players in the 18 chosen to train for the annual interstate clash.

They are Wayne Evans, Rob Farrow, David Hunter, Steve Jackson, Alan Niven, John Stewart, Russell Stewart, Jim Morton, Danny Wright and John Ogden.

All but Evans are regulars in the club's NSL team.

And Lions' new signing, former Queensland and Brisbane City defender Frank Liddell, almost certainly will be added to the State squad before June 1.

Brisbane City has four players in the original State 18, but it is hard to see anyone other than Cooper pressing for starting XI selection.

Already Kim Wishart is out of contention after breaking his leg. Glenn Archer has lost his place in the club's NSL team and last week was even relegated to the bench for the second team game.

Frank Mengotti has lost some of the early season form which earned him State squad inclusion — besides Liddell almost certainly would get the nod first, and City's other State squad member Garry Bromfield will find it hard to displace Alan Niven as the Queensland left-back, or Ogden as a left midfielder.

The non-NSL players in the State squad, Gordon Buchanan (North Star), Martin Kirsopp (Mount Gravatt), Mike Cernaka (Olympic Utd) and Dave Wheeler (Coalstars) will find it hard to gain the nod over the more experienced NSL players.

Wheeler, who scored Queensland's goal against the Blues last year, was in the running for selection

until a recent form slump which saw him replaced in his club's XXXX League game last week.

While Stowell has in the past gone for players who can do a job it is hard

to see him selecting a starting XI other than: Farrow, Hunter, Jackson, Liddell, Niven, Russell Stewart, John Stewart, John Ogden, Jim Morton, Dany Wright.

Although familiarity

will be an advantage for such a Queensland team, it is hard to see that side beating a New South Wales side containing six Socceroos who held the mighty Scotland to a scoreless draw last November.



ALAN HUNTER (far right) challenges John Kosmina during last year's interstate clash.

CITY SLICKER NOW ROARS!

FORMER Brisbane City defender Frank Liddell may be two years older than when he last played in Australia, but the big Scotsman certainly hasn't lost any of his ability.

Despite arriving in Australia only 24 hours earlier, Liddell had a fine game in his debut for Lions.

Liddell returned to Scotland 18 months ago after three successful seasons with Brisbane City.

Many expected him to return almost immediately, but a dispute over terms of a new contract saw Liddell stay in Scotland.

He finally gained a regular spot in the St Johnstone second division side and also coached the club's reserve team.

Liddell was retained for more than 12 months by City but in a surprise decision he was released when the club needed a visa place last year.

"There was no-one more surprised than me when I was advised I was a free agent," Liddell said.

Lions, desperate for a sturdy stopper following the departure of Alan Hunter to Heidelberg, wasted no time in approaching Liddell knowing he was a proven quality.

Lions also gained an assessment of Liddell's form through Jim Morton, another St Johnstone player they signed.

"I had hoped to come back to Australia and the Lions offer was a pleasant surprise. There were a few things I had to consider but after about a week I decided to return to Australia," Liddell said.

After his first game back in the NSL, Liddell said he considered the standard of football similar to when he left, although naturally he added that it would take several more games before he could properly judge.

Liddell, 33, had little trouble fitting into the Lions side as all but David Hunter were part of the club's first team squad when he left.

But the biggest surprise could come this weekend when Liddell and Lions take on Brisbane City in the derby at Richlands.

While playing against his former club will make the game special, he will hardly be clashing with all his team-mates.

SON OF JIM

JAMES HERMISTON, the son of former NSL player of the year Jim Hermiston, came dangerously close to missing his chance to win young Socceroo selection this week.

James is a member of the Queensland youth squad which this week in Melbourne is defending its national youth crown.

Squad members were given permission to play in the round of fixtures preceding last weekend's training camp.

Young Hermiston was involved in a hefty tackle with former City player Barry Kelso in an intermediate league game at

Spencer Park. Hermiston was left on the ground, blood running from his mouth.

At first it was thought he had broken ribs which would have put him out of the tournament, but x-rays and a couple of days rest put matters right.

It would have been a cruel blow for the youngster, who many consider has the ability to follow his father's footsteps.

EASTS ARE THE TOPS

NORTH STAR and Eastern Suburbs have skipped two points clear in the Queensland Soccer Federation's XXXX League competition.

The two clubs gained the break after Mount Gravatt's surprise 1-2 home loss to Ipswich United.

The two leaders are undefeated after four rounds, each winning three games and drawing one.

The Tigers hold a one goal better goal difference with 10 for and four against to North Star's 9-4.

Boosting Easts' challenge has been former Lions pair Phil Redmond and Jim McDonagh, signed by John Sime in a major coup earlier this season.

McDonagh has netted five times in four games to be the competition's leading scorer, although Redmond is doing much to create the spaces for his striking partner.

North Star, who have bolstered their side with former Brisbane City and Lions striker Billy Williamson, have been one of the most entertaining teams in the competition as they surged to the top of the ladder.

Lurking just behind the two leaders are Ipswich United, also undefeated but with three draws in four games, and the underestimated Grange Thistle.

Thistle, under new coach Kim Cox, have

completely rebuilt their side but their crop of talented youngsters have some big results under their belts already.

The middle of the table is very congested which suggests a great season ahead.

The only side struggling at this stage are amateurs Taringa who had a horror run of injuries.

At one stage last week, 15 players were sidelined.

Coach Ian Kesson has used an "anyone who can stand gets to play" selection policy, but luck certainly hasn't been with his side.

That was emphasised last weekend. While most teams had a weekend off

because of the cancelled interstate game, Taringa's round 16 match against Ipswich United was brought forward to last Saturday.

If ever a team needed a week off to recover it was Rovers.

This weekend's fixtures could prove a change of luck for Taringa. They are playing Wynnum, who also are at the bottom of the table.

Other games see Lions host Mount Gravatt, Olympic visit Thistle, Easts play Coalstars and Ipswich clash with North Star in the match of the round.

failed to win their country qualifying group which contained arch rivals Rockhampton and Mackay, Rocky beat Bundaberg 3-0 to advance to the next stage of the \$16,000 competition.

The other country zone winners were Mackay and Toowoomba.

The remaining 13 teams for round one of the competition will be decided through a world cup style qualifying series among Brisbane based XXXX League, intermediate league and amateur clubs.

SURPRISE SURPRISE

QUEENSLAND'S Ampol Cup competition has got off to a surprising start.

The country qualifying tournaments a week ago produced a shock result when for the first time in years, Bundaberg Federation failed to make the tournament's final 16.

Bundaberg, who were semi-finalists last year,



FRANK LIDDELL with Lions.

NO GO TOUR

A PLANNED tour of Papua New Guinea this month by a Queensland team has been scrapped.

OSF officials said the PNG Football Association had advised it could not go ahead with the 10-day three-match tour hosting because it had failed to secure a sponsor.

The PNG tour was to be a major part of the OSF representative season.

It originally had been planned to follow the May 11 interstate game. But everything was thrown into confusion when the ASF refused to ratify May 11 for the Interstate clash and instead switched it to June 1.

The OSF was then faced

with having to rearrange dates for the PNG tour and confusion reigned for some weeks — something which obviously did not help the PNG FA.

In the end the cancellation was probably the best solution for both organisations.

But it was a disappointing turn of events for league players who were expected to dominate the tour squad because of the expected unavailability of players from the two National League clubs.

The OSF now is working on finalising tour plans for next season.

They include an early season tour by Fiji, where the Maroons toured last year, and a possible Queensland tour of New Zealand.

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LIVERPOOL DOES IT!

BY FRANK COLETTA

DESPITE having several shaky moments in defence the Reds of Liverpool became only the fifth side to carry off the League and Cup double and only the third to do it this century by coming from behind to defeat neighbours Everton 3-1.

Liverpool's imported Dane, Jan Molby, was the difference between the two sides, having a hand in all three Liverpool goals.

The victory capped off a memorable season for player-manager Kenny Dalglish, who has snared the Championship and the FA Cup in his first season in charge.

The game had more than its moments... Bruce Grobbelaar's heart-attack antics, Alan Hansen's failure to come to terms with Gary Lineker, Jim Beglin's clash with his keeper (not his fault), Ian Rush's gold-strike, Jan Molby's magnificence, Peter Reid's pass, Paul Bracewell's "invisible man" act and Craig Johnston's goal.

DEATH-DEFYING

Even before the kick-off the passion that encompassed the Merseyside Cup Final rose to the most immense heights as fans of both clubs went to death-cheating lengths to get into Wembley, be it legally or illegally.

The atmosphere was of the spine-tingling type as



A DESPERATE TACKLE FROM LIVERPOOL'S MARK LAWRENSON HALTS A WEMBLEY CUP FINAL RAID BY PAUL BRACEWELL OF EVERTON.

the players emerged from the tunnel.

Once the ball was rolling it became evident that Everton were going to play (as everyone expected) to their strength in the pace of Gary Lineker.

Lineker was lightning. More than once he left Liverpool's skipper Alan Hansen floundering hopelessly behind and even the pacy Mark Lawrenson struggled.

The Blues were taking the game to Liverpool, their commitment and determination borne out of the frustration of losing the championship to their neighbours.

INSPIRED

Kevin Ratcliffe was in inspired mood and he saw lifting the Cup as his only possible recompense.

Liverpool for their part seemed to have something going on the wings early on as crosses were being slung over with regularity but the chances spurned.

Kevin McDonald who surprisingly started ahead of Steve McMahon and the absent Paul Walsh was very involved early.

Everton were holding the fort in midfield and this superiority was expressed with some nice interchange passing.

The first real drama came after 18 minutes: one of Lineker's scorching runs had Grobbelaar racing off his line to boot the ball away. From the cross by Gary Stevens, Graeme Sharp went sprawling into the Wembley turf as he went for a header with Steve Nicol.

Sharp did the customary bolt to the referee but to no avail.

By this time Grobbelaar's antics were causing Red hearts to bleed more than flutter.

Everton drove home their superiority in the 27th minute when a Liverpool midfield move broke down. Peter Reid sent a super 45 metre pass into the path of Gary Lineker. Hansen was flagging behind as Lineker let loose with a left foot drive that he didn't connect with properly. Grobbelaar however only managed to parry the ball away with his left hand and Lineker recovered sufficiently to

send the ball in with his

trustworthy right boot, Grobbelaar again getting his hands on it.

FORTITUDE

Liverpool didn't fold however and both Ian Rush and Craig Johnston were in the thick of the action soon. Rush was blocked brilliantly by his Welsh team-mate Kevin Ratcliffe as he turned to shoot in the area and Johnston was sent flying over Bobby Mimms who had dived at his feet.

Everton went into the break 1-0 ahead and came out in the second half all guns blazing and for Liverpool it seemed like the last frontier.

The usually calm defence marshalled by Hansen was at sixes and sevens but Everton did not grab that second goal that might have ended Liverpool.

Trevor Steven shot just wide before Liverpool showed vulnerability in defence when Beglin, Hansen and Lawrenson messed around outside the area.

Kevin Sheedy broke into the area and curled

his right-foot shot across the face of goal with Grobbelaar beaten.

After Grobbelaar had been in the action again, making a save from a Kevin Sheedy free-kick and then clashing with Jim Beglin, the tide seemed to have turned well away from the Anfield side, looking decidedly rattled.

But a champion team such as Liverpool cannot be underestimated and they struck a vital blow when it looked as if they were out of the running.

In the 57th minute Ronnie Whelan knocked the ball to Jan Molby. Molby then forced a brilliant pass that put Ian Rush clear.

Rush rounded the keeper, Bobby Mimms, and when off-balance stuck the ball away with his left-foot as Craig Johnston charged in to try and nab the goal.

Everton could have grabbed the lead again inside five minutes following an awful mistake by

CHAMPION

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Gary Stevens when he really should have been choosing between Paul Bracewell who didn't do a thing all day or the erratic Trevor Steven.

The real man of the match, Jan Molby, was at it again in the 80th minute when he weaved through the Everton defence with some brilliant footwork only to be denied a goal through a fine save by Mimms.

Everton had lost their surge, even the explosive Lineker was not streaking away any longer and they were caught on the break in the 84th minute.

Rush, deep in defence, played the ball to Molby on the half-way. The Dane instinctively played a first time ball to Whelan. The Irishman dribbled upfield and then found the calm figure of Rush (who had started the move.)

The Welsh international steadied himself and rammed the ball past Mimms. It was 3-1 and Everton were gone.

It had been a long wait for Liverpoolians, 12 years in fact since they beat Newcastle in the Cup.

They won the Cup as they won the League. A slow beginning with a dynamically strong finish. Everton faltered when they had the game in their grasp.

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the medal is on its way home with me. I'm giving it to my dad.

"I'm just going to get drunk ... not with the champagne but with the experience, excitement and atmosphere of it all."

MRS JOHNSTON: "That's the best gift a mother could hope for." (The goal by Johnno)

KENNY DALGLISH: "To single out players from a team like ours is wrong. But it is fair to say Craig Johnston and Jan Molby had fantastic games. Craig never stopped. Nobody deserved a goal more."

CRAIG JOHNSTON: "I think the goal saved me. I didn't think I played all that well."

IAN RUSH (voted Man-of-the-match): "Some people were having a real go at me. I have to thank them for getting me going again."

HOWARD KENDALL: "When Sharp was fouled in the 20th minute that was a blatant penalty and I am sure I will be proved right by the video recording."

CRAIG JOHNSTON: "I still cannot believe it has happened. It is a terrific feeling and I am delighted as an Australian to be part of it all."

HOWARD KENDALL: "I also thought that their first goal may have been offside. I know it sounds like sour grapes and I do congratulate Liverpool on the double but incidents like that are turning points and I can't help mentioning them."

KENNY DALGLISH: "I thought we would do it once we had got level but my heart nearly stopped when Sharp had a good header which Grobbelaar turned over."

THE TEAMS

LIVERPOOL: Grobbelaar 5, Lawrenson 5.5, Beglin 6.5, Nicol 6.5, Whelan 6.5, Hansen 5, Dalglish 6, Johnston 6.5, Rush 6.5, Molby 7, McDonald 6.5. EVERTON: Mimms 6.5, Stevens 6 (Heath 72), Van den Hauwe 5.5, Ratcliffe 6.5, Mountfield 6, Reid 6.5, Steven 5, Lineker 6.5, Sharpe 6, Bracewell 5, Sheedy 6.



A delighted KENNY DALGLISH and IAN RUSH after the win.

HEARTS ARE NOW BROKEN!

ABERDEEN beat Heart of Midlothian 3-0 in the Scottish Cup Final, leaving the Hearts broken-hearted.

It has been a season of near misses for the grieving Hearts who a couple of weeks ago, were seeking the double of the Premier Division Championship plus the SFA Cup.

Yet both big prizes were surrendered in the dying stages of the season.

Celtic snatched the League title from Hearts in the last game of the competition and now Aberdeen have similarly robbed the Edinburgh side of the Cup.

But defeat was not the only trauma to hit Hearts in the Cup Final watched by 63,000 spectators at Hampden Park.

The beaten team also had their skipper Walter Kidd sent off, a rare occurrence in this type of

show game.

Three other Hearts players were given the yellow card, indicating frustration the team has suffered at the end of what promised to be a magnificent season.

Of course, Aberdeen, managed by Scotland's World Cup manager Alex Ferguson, are no strangers to Cup success.

This was their fourth Cup victory in five years. Aberdeen started quickly and were a goal in front after only five minutes through John Hewitt.

In the 48th minute, Hewitt scored his second goal and, a quarter of an hour from the end, substitute Bill Stark put Aberdeen in an unbeatable position with goal number three.

ENGLISH DIV ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	42	26	10	6	89	37	88
Everton	42	26	8	8	87	41	86
West Ham	42	26	6	10	74	40	84
Man Utd	42	22	10	10	70	36	76
Sheff Wed	42	21	10	11	63	54	73
Chelsea	42	20	11	11	57	56	71
Arsenal	42	20	9	13	49	47	69
Nott Forest	42	19	11	12	69	53	68
Luton	42	18	12	12	61	44	66
Tottenham	42	19	8	15	74	52	65
Newcastle	42	17	12	13	67	72	63
Watford	42	16	11	15	69	62	59
QPR	42	15	7	20	53	64	52
Southampton	42	12	10	20	51	62	46
Man City	42	11	12	19	43	57	45
Aston Villa	42	10	14	18	51	67	44
Coventry	42	11	10	21	48	71	43
Oxford	42	10	12	20	62	80	42
Leicester	42	10	12	20	54	76	42
Ipswich	42	11	8	23	32	55	41
Birmingham	42	8	5	29	30	73	29
West Brom	42	4	12	26	35	89	24

A PLAYER'S COMPLAINT

I AM writing this letter in disgust at the so-called facilities at NSW State League division one grounds.

We hear often how the game goes backwards in Australia by the press and major sporting bodies.

There is a lot of ill feeling amongst all players about paying for wives and girl friends — \$3.50 plus \$1.50 car park to enter grounds where there are not even park benches to sit on and watch a game.

We hear of declining crowds in Soccer so often and looking at the pathetic facilities we put up with, it's no wonder.

I'd also like to comment on the change rooms at some of these grounds. How can players prepare for games in Stone Age phone booths with cold showers?

Jay O'Rourke,
Bondi Junction

NOT KEEN ON ASW!

IT was the last straw to read in your Editorial, the revival of the ethnic names.

Really I don't know if you are trying to recreate an old argument with the purpose to sell more copies or you are a short-brained person who can't think of other things more interesting to write about.

If the reason is the first one, that is your own fault because, since the increase of price last year, you have been offering something which never has materialised — such as bigger coverage of the Socceroos campaign last year until the end.

And more coverage of the State and Interurban League and even the logo of the first Soccer newspaper in the street is shaking.

On the ethnic names you mention few clubs. I will only take one from 1st Division State League to refresh your memory and ask you is it doing good to the code?

Call a club Auburn and have only five pa...g spectators as was a year ago, or call Auburn Uruguay and have at least 1,000 at the game?

If your answer is "Yes" I think it is time for you to start writing for a RL or VFL newspaper.

Without mention of any club in the lower divisions don't you think that the NSW Federation already realised that the only teams interested in coming up at this level are the ones with ethnic names and the only ones that will keep maintaining the federation.

Those clubs are the majority and the only ones that have the necessary support and don't fold up like those with suburbs names.

I wonder if you sometimes take a bit of your time to watch some lower division ethnic teams. I think you will have a shock to learn that many true Aussies are happy playing in a club with a "wog name".

Don't take for granted that ASW is the best paper in NSW. Things change. Soon you will realise that your opposition will beat you by far.

Creating silly arguments like ethnic names won't help your cause and before you are tempted again about this issue, go and see games of Olympic, Marconi, Croatia but see some lower division games to realise what is going on

L Henry,
Minto

A FAN FOR SOCCEROOS

THIS letter is my opinion of the current State of our game in Australia.

I wrote to you last year saying there is no doubt Australia will qualify for Mexico.

Well, they didn't but who gives a damn? I know it's old news but the Socceroos put tears in my eyes on the night of December 4 in Melbourne and with the amazing array of talent piling through the NSL, there is now no doubt in my mind the Socceroos will qualify for the Seoul Olympics and then, in four years, will qualify for the next Cup, in Italy.

So there's my summary of the Socceroos: SUCCESS.

Now to the NSL. All those people threatening to use legal action in the cut-off at the end of the year should wake up to themselves.

It was the clubs in the first place which picked this formula, so no use whining about it now fellas.

I would like to wish the strugglers all the best and every time Wollongong City, Blacktown City, Canterbury, Green Gully, Sunshine George Cross and the Brisbane

and Adelaide clubs, along with Canberra, Monaro and my beloved Newcastle knock off a big shot it will be more than just two points but a great victory against being dumped from NSL Soccer.

To all people reading this I ask you to get out and support your team. Let's lift these miserable crowds and show the other codes what we've got

I would like to cheer St George for their \$5 family entrance to home matches and one result I adored was Adelaide City's 7-1 win over Yugoslavia (Footscray), to see a bunch of locals flog these imports was magnificent.

Not cheers, but jeers to Sydney City fans. The Newcastle supporters' bus passed the SCG and saw 25,000 at Souths v Canterbury and when we arrived at the Sydney Athletic Field you could have written the names and addresses of the crowd on the back of your hand, prior to the kick-off of the Nanda Cup match. To Tom Anderson, Frank Farna and Neil Jameson, who have written off Newcastle this year, and also to Rale Rasic who said in ASW's chit chat on April 22 that Apia hit the woodwork several times in their NSL clash with Newcastle — what rot!

Yes I was there with my fellow United fans and in fact it was us who hit the post, not Leicthardt, and it was Mark Jones in the 75th minute.

May I take this opportunity to wish all the ASW the best for 1986.

David McGaw,
Charlestown

RASIC IS REBUKED

I'M one of your regular readers and I enjoy your paper.

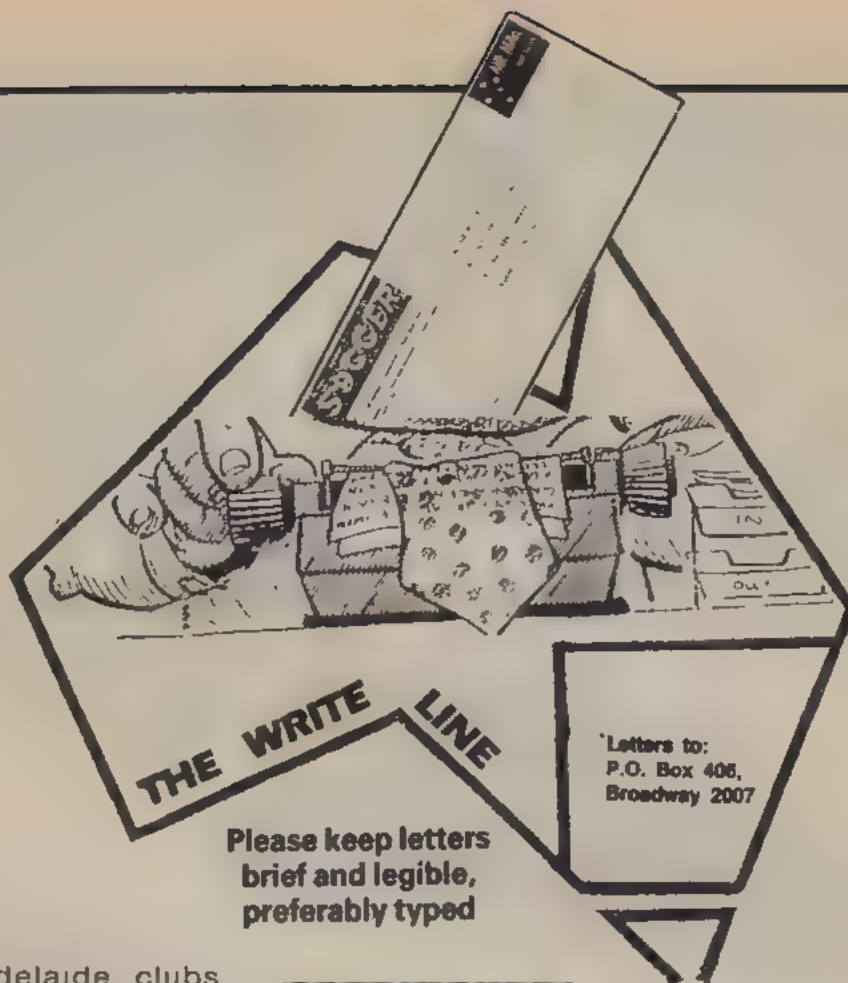
I would like to ask your opinion, regarding the angry reaction of Rale Rasic after his team lost the game against Croatia — calling his forwards fifty cents players.

I have watched football all my life and have never seen any manager go on television and rubbish his players the way he did.

I feel the represents lack of respect for his players and fans in general.

A manager should be more diplomatic when he speaks on TV.

What do you think?
Sergio Giordano
Ashfield



ASTONISHED!

IT was with great astonishment I read your editorial dealing with the foreign names most Soccer clubs go under

In view of the letters I have sent in the past to people here and in Britain about the deterioration of Soccer over the years it is more than pleasing to find someone who earns a living from the game who has the courage to tell the truth as you have done.

I wrote to Tommy Docherty when he was here: also the compere of Big League Soccer in London and various individuals here and the only answer I ever received was from Sir Matt Busby on official Manchester United notepaper. I still have it. It seems that nobody wants to rock the boat.

You cannot expect Australians to go and watch teams with names like Juventus, Hellas, Croatia etc. All they would hear would be foreign languages and they would feel like strangers in their own country. You would be amazed to know the vast numbers of real Australians who stay up till midnight to watch the English Cup Final every year. They feel a kinship with the names of the clubs and players and feel at home with what is going on.

The game now is nothing like it used to be. I played when I was a bit younger (I'll be 80 in October) on two grounds near Loch Lomond in two small towns named Renton and Vale of Leven.

They were playing organised football there more than 150 years ago. Vale of Leven once

played in the English Cup. At that time and up to the 1960s every team played the same formation — two full-backs, three half-backs and FIVE forwards. Teams were equally balanced between defence and attack. The defensive formation now in vogue originated in Europe and it shocked me when the British adopted it.

The excitement and adventure have disappeared from the game and play is predictable. Combined wing play and the good old shoulder charge have gone and you never see the Stan Matthews swerve any more.

If you can head and kick and pass the ball that's all you need. The pitch is crowded with players and there are no great individual stars nowadays.

One year long ago I went to Hampdon Park, Glasgow on two successive Saturdays. I played in a Scottish Amateur Cup Final on that ground before turning professional. The first of these occasions was to see the Scottish Cup Final between Celtic and Aberdeen and the second to see the international Scotland v England.

That was before the all-ticket games began. At both these games the attendance was 115,000 and all gates were closed. From my position at the back of the stand I could see through a rear window hundreds of men rushing round the outside trying to find a gate that was still open. In vain of course.

What I want to emphasise is that those two stupendous crowds did not go there to watch eight-man defensive football. Nuff said.



TOMMY BURNS of Celtic against Aberdeen.

YES SIR!

WHEN I first read the article headed "Do we need the AWSA" my reaction was "Does Women's Soccer need Uwe Bracklow," but after due consideration my answer to this is an emphatic "YES."

Certainly the ASF should be called on to run women's Soccer — after all the ASF only has the national men's team to look after as they don't run national titles so they must have very little to occupy them! However, the same logic should not be applied to State Associations because then Uwe and I would be out of jobs!

As regards the national team I can see huge savings for all States in having a national coach watching only club games. In any one season he would probably only be able to watch NSW games to see every player at least once, so we could eliminate the national titles and throw the chosen team into international competition

emerging stars and always the element of chance which all games must have. Teams would have a manager but no coach. Coaches teach tactics, not skills, and all they care about is their job. To them it is better not to lose a goal than score one. They are the main reason for the decline of the game.

I know this is looking for pie in the sky and I will never see it but it would be comforting to think that, one day, those who run the game would wake up to reality

W. McArthur,
Brunswick Vic.

— only in NSW though as anywhere else would be a strange environment which would limit their performance.

Although Uwe never has been (and never will be) a woman Soccer player — half the AWSA Board has the advantage of him here — he has the sense to advocate mediation as opposed to confrontation (for everyone except Uwe, that is) and to deplore the intractableness of others (not himself of course).

What a lot of trouble would be eliminated if we just accepted Uwe's views and opinions and didn't bother with anything which dared to question his conclusions!

However, the clincher for Uwe's retention is that by carefully studying his ideas and acting exactly to the contrary, women's Soccer will continue to progress — probably even faster than it has for the last 10 years.

Keep up the good work Uwe — a good laugh lightens the heart.

Marise Stephens,
Vice President —
BQWSA



RALE RASIC (right) with bouquets in 1974, now comes a brickbat.

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HUIGSLOOT MIGHT HAVE SCORED A HAT TRICK

CROATIA-GLENORCHY coach David Crosson was a worried man before his side took on bottom team Metro-Claremont in the Cadbury State League Soccer match at South Hobart.

He felt that Croatia always experienced greater problems against lowly teams than against more highly-fancied opponents and his fears were borne out as Croatia struggled to a 2-0 win which did, however, put them on top of the league.

Croatia's centre-back Peter Huigsloot and midfielder Dominic O'Brien were again the heroes as they repeated their performance of last week against Rapid by scoring both goals.

O'Brien's goal took his season's tally to four, level with team-mate John McIntyre, the former Metro player, who was well-shackled by Andy Ferrall.

Huigsloot, who opened the scoring in the 58th minute, again showed his attacking qualities at set-pieces and the giant defender could well have notched a hat-trick.

His goal came about after a Colin Francis corner. The former Metro player struck the ball to the far post, Furjanic knocked it back across goal, and Huigsloot latched onto a partial clearance to plant the ball firmly into the net.

O'Brien scored Croatia's second goal in the 71st minute from the penalty spot, his second penalty of the season, after Furjanic had crossed from the left and Pitt had handled Bacic's attempted strike at goal.

Metro had three very good chances in the second half. Green and Clamp both shot wide, while goalkeeper Steve Smith saved brilliantly from substitute Ron Agius who had burst through the Croatia defence seven minutes from time.

"I'm quite happy, despite the result, because I don't expect games to be easy," said Metro coach, David Rae. "You've got to remember that more than half this team played in the reserves last year."

"It's going to take time and I expect them to be better in the second round and even better still in third round."

"We're certainly not in trouble yet and we won't be unless we're in the same position as now at the end of the second round."

Caledonians and Rapid both shuffled their line-ups for yesterday's main match which Calies ended up winning 3-0.

Calies, who were missing defenders Robins and Joseph, had player-coach Tommy Wright in a striking role, midfielder Bevan Schwaiger at sweeper, and striker Ian Parker, the scorer of the opening goal, in midfield.

Newcomer Peter Linnell, back in the State while on leave from the army, made a masterful debut in midfield and scored twice, once with a firm header from Murtagh's corner, and then with a rising shot from the edge of the penalty area after Murtagh had cut the ball back for him.

Rapid's forced changes

were less successful.

Third-choice goalkeeper Andy Richardson made his senior debut and found himself picking the ball out of the net twice in the opening 10 minutes. He was then injured and was eventually substituted by Dean Brushett 15 minutes from time.

With Hans Streit away in Devonport, Rapid used Danny Donohue in defence and fullback John Fletcher as a striker, but Fletcher had a game he will want to forget.

He has played very successfully as a striker in previous years but, in yesterday's match, Dale Blake presented him with three glorious openings, two of which he missed with only the goalkeeper to beat, and the third which he headed onto the

crossbar.

Goalkeeper Luis Di Venuto's performance for Calies proved vital in their success as he twice came out of his area to save at opponents' feet, while Linnell showed he had lost none of his ability since he last played in Tasmania for White Eagles several years ago.

He was totally dominant in midfield, almost to the point of arrogance, and his ball distribution was precise and effective.

Caledonians eased their problems with yesterday's win but Rapid and Metro definitely have a worrying time ahead of them.

Details: Croatia-Glenorchy 2 (Huigsloot, O'Brien, pen.) d Metro-Claremont 0; Caledonians 3 (Parker, Linnell 2) d Rapid 0.

Cadbury State League standings:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia-Glenorchy	5	4	1	0	15	4	9
White Eagles	5	3	1	1	14	5	7
Juventus-Pioneer	5	3	1	1	16	9	7
Olympia-WPL	5	3	0	2	19	12	6
Caledonians	5	2	1	2	8	15	5
Howrah	5	2	0	3	7	11	4
Rapid	5	0	1	4	2	12	1
Metro-Claremont	5	0	1	4	1	14	1

Leading Goalscorers: 7

S. Pace (Juventus); 5 P. Forster (Olympia); A. Leszczynski (White Eagles); 4 J. McIntyre (Croatia); D. O'Brien

(Croatia), T. Bacic (Croatia), P. Xanthopoulos (Olympia), C. Nichols (Olympia), J. Broadhouse (Juventus).

AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

THE Competition is an annual event that has been running since 1947 and attracts approximately 300 male and female contestants from most of the 19 Australian Universities.

All the games in this year's event will be played in the idyllic surroundings of the four Campus Ovals, including No.1 Oval, which is the site of Sydney 1st Grade Rugby and Cricket matches and offers excellent viewing facilities.

Twelve Mens Teams and six Womens Teams are attending this year's event, making it one of the largest Universities Championships in Australia.

Macquarie University will again be the team to beat in the Mens Competition, having won the event for the past 3 years, last year in Canberra and in 1984 in Geelong.

Universities of NSW, New England, Sydney, and Melbourne will probably offer the strongest competition in their quest to take the trophy off Macquarie.

In the Womens Competition, the University of New England are also striving for their 4th title in as many years, but other strong teams will be Queensland, Melbourne, and Sydney.

The matches begin on Monday, 12th May, with 10 Mens games each day on Ovals, No.1 and No.2 and St John's Oval, whilst 5 Womens matches per day are to be played on the Square. Semi-Finals for both Competitions are on Thursday, 15th May, and the Finals on Friday, 16th May on No.1 Oval.

Visitors to the Universi-

ty are welcome to sit comfortably in the Grandstand and view the matches. Bar facilities and food are available.

The Intervarsity Competition is likely to be of interest to the Australian public for a number of reasons. The standard of football is extremely high, with National Soccer League players and members of the Australian Womens Soccer Team regularly attending.

Furthermore, increasing attention is being focused by the media on youth Soccer in Australia, especially at a time of success by Australian youth teams in overseas tour.

At the Competition an Australian Universities team is chosen to play representative matches against such teams as New Zealand Universities Team in 1987 to either New Zealand, Japan, or perhaps to the World Student Games in Zagreb.

Finally the Australian public would be interested to learn that Universities foster more than just the traditional games of Rugby and Cricket. The Sydney University Soccer Football Club, for example, is one of the largest Clubs in the University Sports Union, and has had success recently both in Australia (the 1sts and 2nds were both semi-finalists in the Inter-urban 1st Division in 1985) and overseas (World Amateur Runners-up in Hawaii in 1981, and South Pacific Universities Games Winners at Fiji in 1984).

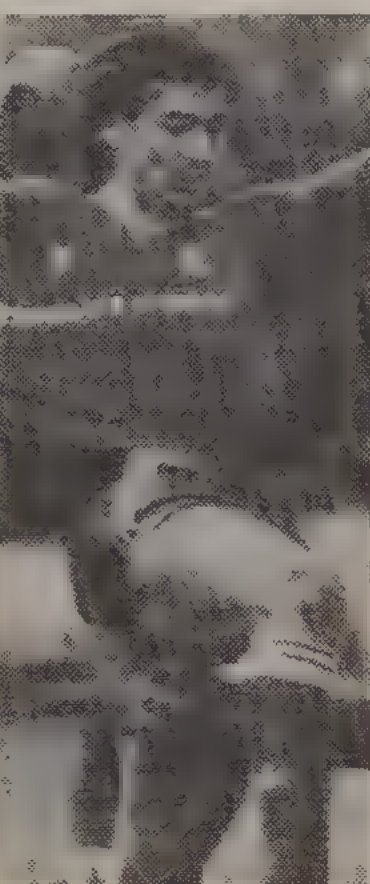
HACKY SACK ANSWERS

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Week 2: (1) Dynamo Kiev (2) Paolo Rossi (3) Preston

THIS WEEK'S ASW/HACKY SACK WINNERS

They are:

Justin Ignacz (16) of Baulkham Hills and David Staggs (12) of Seven Hills.



CRAIG JOHNSTON

Illawarra Jottings

WITH PHIL MURPHY

REFEREE Graham Warne was kept on his toes when he controlled the recent State League match between Wollongong Macedonia and Avoca.

It was an action-packed affair with Macedonia getting home 1-0 but he had to contend with an invasion of the pitch and called a halt to the game until police arrived.

When striker Dean Gardiner scored the goal, spectators crowded over the sideline and at one stage a Wollongong player was forced to push one spectator intent on trouble back over the fence.

Police had been asked to attend the game and were on hand for the kick-off.

Unfortunately they had left before the trouble started but were back four minutes after the referee stopped play.

They also had to escort the referee and linesmen from the field after the final whistle.

Just for good measure Warne sent off Wollongong striker Barry Robinson.

No doubt the NSW Federation will hear a full report on the game.

Phil Kerr is managing quite well to last a full 90 minutes since joining State League Fairy Meadow last season.

He was with Wollongong City from his youth team days but spent most of his senior days as an over age player in the youth team or in very limited appearances for the senior side as a substitute.

The move to Fairy Meadow was a wise one as he is proving a very valuable player to coach Mike Johnson.

Kerr is a player who prefers to play fullback but is equally at home in another role apart from goalkeeper.

Against Ku-ring-gai recently he played sweeper behind Larry Berringer and turned in a very impressive performance.

Warilla Wanderers could be heading for a record-breaking season as they had conceded just one goal after their first six league games — 540 minutes of football.

"We are taking things week by week; I won't let the players get carried away at all after their good start," said coach Eddie Mullan.

"It is a long season and everyone is after our scalps so the boys are getting to the stage where every week is a mini-grand final."

It is a long season but anyone having a bet would have to go for Mullan's team because their defence is at times superb and they

manage to get a goal when they need one.

Referee David Naylor booked just one player during the premier league match between Tarrawanna and Bulli — his younger brother, Andrew.

"You wouldn't credit it, there were 22 players out there and he was the only one to get a card," David said after the game.

It brings back memories of the day David was playing with Tarrawanna against Figtree and he was shown the yellow card.

The man is black that day was George Naylor, David's father and now president of the ISA.

You can't accuse the Naylor of showing favouritism once they blow the whistle to get a game going.

David is shoving a lot of promise and is already getting appointments to national league youth matches.

Just as well the ISA decided to change their policy to have a match of the day on Sunday.

In previous years they have scrapped the feature game on Sunday because of the FA Cup, but this time it was different.

Wollongong City had played in Newcastle the previous day and both Fairy Meadow and Wollongong Macedonia were playing in Sydney.

If the ISA hadn't scheduled the Warilla Wanderers-Bulli game for Sunday there would have been no Soccer action at all on the South Coast.

Some players were unhappy that the move prevented them having a few drinks while watching the Cup final but the association made a wise move.

Fairy Meadow coach Mike Johnson has found out his players don't play tricks on him.

After the game against Avala Johnson had a number of injury worries and midfielder Warren Baker arrived at training with his arm in plaster.

"I thought he was having a little joke on me because of our problems with injuries," Johnson said.

Unfortunately Baker had broken his arm at work and doctors told him he will be out for a month. "I only wish I had been joking," Baker said.

It was unfortunate for the former Bulli player as he had been hitting his true form and proving he could be a real force in his new surroundings.

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THE JUNIOR GAME

with TONY RACITI



BLACKTOWN CITY ATTACK JUNIORS

BLACKTOWN CITY have launched a three-pronged attack on the junior clubs in their area with the aim of generating more support for the team.

The first part of this attack involves the first team squad sacrificing a training night. They will spend their Tuesday evenings visiting junior clubs to conduct coaching clinics for the young players.

Each clinic lasts for over an hour during which the juniors receive good quality coaching and advice from Casey de Bruin and the players. The best performed youngsters are rewarded with a package of Blacktown City material including a student season pass, autographed photos, match programmes, a pennant and a sticker.

At the conclusion of the clinic, Casey puts the first teamers through their paces for approximately

45 minutes.

This part of the night has proved very popular with junior coaches hoping to gain a few new ideas for their own teams.

The second stage of the plan has David Lee, the Demons' youth director of coaching, conducting a series of coaching sessions for coaches. David spends two hours each session talking about coaching, providing first-class demonstrations with the aid of a local junior team (not youth league) and offering solutions to problems posed by those in attendance. Information about these sessions can be obtained by ringing David Baird on 624 3344.

The third part of the

programme involves John McDonald, youth league coach and senior goalkeeper coach for the Demons, providing a clinic for young goalkeepers. This clinic has proved popular with goalkeepers and coaches alike seeking to learn more about this specialised position. These sessions are conducted in conjunction with David Lee's coaching of coaches.

Blacktown City hope that by showing a genuine interest in the local juniors they will, in turn, increase the level of interest in their matches. The fact that they are providing the programme FREE OF CHARGE is an indication of the sincerity of their efforts.

INJURY TREATMENT THE PROPER WAY

BY TONY RACITI

ASW with the kind assistance of NSL club APIA Leichhardt's senior trainer Joe Mirigliani this week takes a look at the procedure junior coaches and managers should follow in the proper treatment of injuries.

The below guidelines, which are very basic and simple to comprehend, should be followed as the treatment of injuries immediately they occur is vital, because the mistreatment of an injury could effect the future of a young athlete.

performance.

Most junior Soccer players are controlled by administrative groups who should accept the responsibility of appointing a suitably trained and experienced coach and training attendant.

PREVENTION: Physical

SIMPLE INSIGHT AND UNDERSTANDING

Soccer is a body contact sport, so injuries do occur.

Coaches, trainers and players should be aware that serious or slight injuries can take the edge away from a player's

preparation and fitness of players is a must and the right equipment should be used by a player, such as approved Soccer boots, shin pads etc.

All these help in assisting the prevention of an injury. Common injuries which occur in Soccer are:—

Bruises to the lower leg by a kick, muscular injuries through not having proper pre-game warm-up exercises - and ankle sprains.

MANAGEMENT: The immediate treatment for

almost all Soccer injuries is the same whether you pull a muscle or strain a ligament, or damage a joint.

It is a four-part programme which we will refer to as "R.I.C.E."

R—rest. Rest is necessary because continued exercise or other activity could extend the injury.

Stop using the injured part the minute it is hurt.

I—Ice. Decreases the bleeding from injured blood vessels because it causes them to contract.

The more blood that collects in a wound, the longer it takes to heal.

(No heat to be applied to injury). Ice treatment to be applied for 15 minutes every two hours for 24 hours. If the pain continues seek medical attention.

C—Compression. Limit swelling, which if uncontrolled could retard healing.

E—Elevation. Elevation of the injured part to above the level of the heart uses the force of gravity to help drain excess fluid.

Because swelling usually starts within seconds of an injury, start "RICE" as soon as possible.

First place a towel over the injured area. Then apply an ice pack over the towel. Do not apply the ice directly to the skin as it can cause the skin to hurt.

As long as the main part of the treatment is followed, management of the injury has begun.

If you are concerned about any injury, do not hesitate to seek medical attention.

All injuries in junior Soccer should be examined by a sports medicine physician, because these injuries have the potential to become permanent if proper treatment is not administered.

HANWOOD GLORIFIED

HANWOOD Under 15 Soccer team covered itself with glory on its recent trip to Fiji for the South Pacific Soccer Challenge.

The team won the challenge, contested by a number of countries, after the final went into extra time.

The youngsters did not lack support in Fiji with a number of relatives making the trip with them.

A Hanwood spokesman, Jim Portolesi, described the trip as hectic but well worthwhile.

He said the party had enjoyed the sights of Fiji as well as the Soccer and some were talking already about going back next year.

The team, which won the State Cup as Under 14's last year, overcame a hesitant start and stifling conditions to emerge victors in the tournament.

Hanwood had an encouraging 4-1 win over a Nadi airport team in a trial match but then lost to DVA High School 2-1 in another warm-up game.

The tournament was held over two days and on the first day Hanwood played a nil all draw with Navua, the team it would eventually meet in the grand final.

Hanwood thrashed Labasa 4-0 in the second match with goals to Dom Testoni, Agnello Pugliello, Pat Portolesi and Mario Piccinn.

The team then needed only a draw with Suva in the final round to make the grand final and they duly recorded a 0-0 draw.

In the decider Hanwood conceded an early penalty

and trailed 1-0 and looked to be under pressure from Navua, although play swept from one end of the field to the other.

About 10 minutes into the second half, Mark Dall'est scored the equaliser when he beat the full back and placed a beautiful shot around the goalkeeper.

Hanwood seemed to have the edge in condition the longer the match went and towards the end, as the weather cooled, it seemed to rejuvenate the players.

The score remained 1-1 at full time so the match went into extra time.

Sam Nardi, for Han-

wood, broke the deadlock with a great goal when he blasted a shot from the edge of the area into the back of the net.

Dall'est scored his second goal to seal the match when he broke into the clear and gave the goalkeeper no chance with a blistering drive.

— FRANK FINLAY



The Hanwood Under 15's — all smiles.

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PARENT-COACH, PLAYER-SON, RELATIONSHIP

CONVERSATION overheard at pre-season game:

Parent Coach: "Son, you're playing 1/2 game at full back".

Coach's Son: "No I'm a forward".

Parent Coach: "You will play full back or not at all."

Coach's Son: "So I won't play."

Reluctantly the first half was played unenthusiastically by the son, at full back. The second half

the son played forward. The result of the game was a 1 to nil victory. The winning goal being scored by guess who?

Coach's Son: "See Dad, I told you I was a Forward."

Parent Coach: No comment!

— From Hornsby Heights Sports Club

YOUNG RYAN

THE Leeton Soccer Club scored a hat-trick in the Albury-Wodonga Soccer Association's 1986 Anzac Cup U/11 Division.

The prime mover of the club's success was the 11-year-old Ryan Neville Thompson. Young Ryan scored seven goals during the competition which was run in a Round Robin fashion at the Lavington Soccer Club's grounds during the Anzac long weekend, and won the cup for his club.

Ryan who has four brothers, all playing Soccer with Leeton in various age groups, was also named as the Best and Fairest player of the competition, and the highest scorer.

Ryan has been playing Soccer since the age of four and has been coached by his mother Mrs Thompson a mother of five boys. Recently she gave birth to her sixth child. "We have a girl at last," — my husband and I had no option, we had to have a girl." It is too much to cope with five boys who are playing Soccer," Mrs Thompson told the ASW.

Since 1980 Ryan has played in four Grand Finals.

He is also well respected in Leeton for his swimming successes at State level.



COMMONWEALTH BANK SOCCER CUP

SOUTH WEST REGION

T/W/TH		30/4/86
Birrong Boys 7	Birrong Boys 3	
Bass 1	Chester Hill 0	
	East Hills Boys 1	
East Hills Boys 2	Picnic Point 1	
	Punchbowl Boys	
Punchbowl Boys 8	Sefton 0	
	Miller	
Miller 8	Ashcroft 2	
	Bonnyrigg	
Bonnyrigg 6	Sarah Redfern	
	James Meehan	
*James Meehan 1	Airds 3	
	Airds 1	
Picton 1	Elderslie 5	
	Camden 0	
Condell Park 1	Bankstown Boys	
	Bankstown Boys 4	
	*Sir Joseph Banks	
	Holsworthy	
	Canley Vale 0	
	Westfields 0	
	Westfields 5	
	Fairvale 1	
	Moorebank St John Park 7	
	Campbelltown 2	
	Casula 3	
	Casula Fairfield 9	
	Macquarie Fields 6	
	Macquarie Fields 0	
	Ingleburn 1	
	Hurlstone Ag. 0	
	Leumeah	
	Leumeah 4	
	Liverpool Boys 2	
	Canberra 4	

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS

DIVISION 1

		U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16
Nepean Assoc	vs B'town City	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1
Melita	vs Illawarra	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1
Apia Leich	vs Marconi	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1
Cant Marrick	vs Gladesville	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1
Syd Olympic	vs St George	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1

DIVISION 2

Manly Assoc	vs Granville Ass	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1
Sydney City	vs Nth Bankstown	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1
Sthn Districts	vs Sutherland Ass	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1
Central Coast	vs Ku-ring-gai	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1
Avala	vs Macarthur Ass	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1

DIVISION 3

Blacktown Assoc	vs Bathurst '75	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1
Rockdale	vs Canterbury	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1
Polonia Syd	vs Campbelltown	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1
U. Auburn	vs Bankstown Ass	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1
Syd Yugal	vs Croatia Syd	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1

NATIONALS

THE ACT Soccer Federation will be playing host to eight visiting State teams from the 3rd to the 11th of May to contest the Australian Under 15 National Championships. Visiting States include New South Wales, Northern New South Wales, Victoria, Northern Territory, South Australia, Tasmania, Western Australia and Queensland.

These eight States, together with the ACT, will play against each other over the 9 days of competition.

The Championships have a special significance in being the pre-selection trials for the Young Australian World Cup Squad. This Squad will be selected after the tournament to remain in Canberra for training under coaches Vic Dalgleish and Bruce Stowell. The Squad will compete in the Oceania Qualifying rounds later in the year and if successful, will compete in the Under 16 World Youth Cup to be held in Canada in 1987.

The first and eight rounds of the Championships will be held on the grass pitches at the Australian Institute of Sports Soccer Complex. This is by request of the two Australian coaches. The remaining seven rounds will be played on the Poligras pitch at the Institute of Sport. Playing a National Championship on a synthetic surface is a first in Australian Soccer and one which is probably not matched by any other country in the world as the criteria for selecting a World Cup Squad.

Most of the players will be billeted during their stay in Canberra. They will also have some time to visit places of interest and do some sightseeing as each team has one rest day over the nine playing days of the Championships.

There have been a number of changes in all the State Teams as each one is vying to dislodge last years winner in the Under 14 Championships, New South Wales. As a place in the Australian World Cup team is at stake these Championships promise to be extremely competitive and it is very likely that many of the future stars of Australian Soccer will be on display.

PROGRAMME OF THE WEEK'S GAMES

SATURDAY 3 MAY		12.30	Vic. v Qld.
9.00	Open Ceremony	2.00	SA v N.NSW
10.00	Tas. v SA		NT bye
11.30	NT v Qld		

THURSDAY 8 MAY		9.30	N.NSW v Qld
1.00	ACT v N.NSW	11.00	SA v WA
2.30	NSW v WA	12.30	Vic. NSW
	Vic. bye	2.00	Tas v NT

SUNDAY 4 MAY		12.30	Vic. v NSW
9.30	ACT v Qld	2.00	Tas v NT
11.00	N.NSW v Tas.		ACT bye
12.30	WA v NT	FRIDAY 9 MAY	
2.00	Vic. v SA	9.30	NT v SA
	NSW bye	11.00	WA v Qld

MONDAY 5 MAY		12.30	NSW v N.NSW
9.30	NSW v NT	2.00	Vic. v Tas.
11.00	WA v ACT		Tas. bye
12.30	Tas. v Qld	SATURDAY 10 MAY	
2.00	Vic. v N.NSW	10.00	WA v N.NSW
	SA bye	11.30	NSW v SA

TUESDAY 6 MAY		1.00 NT v Vic.
9.30	WA v Vic.	2.30ACT v Tas.
11.00	NSW v TAS	Qld bye
12.30	SA v Qld	SUNDAY 11 MAY
2.00	NT v ACT	9.30 Tas. v Vic.
	N.NSW v Bye	11.00 SA v ACT

WEDNESDAY 7 MAY		12.30	NT v N.N.SW
		2.00	NSW v Qld
9.30	NSW v ACT		WA bye
11.00	WA v Tas.	3.45	Closing Ceremo

WHO is the junior State coach who obviously enjoys seeing his club team defeating the leading junior coach in NSW's team as he tries to erase the memories of a nine goal humiliation in two finals in the space of one week in past seasons?

The particular coach who I am referring to, should control his emotions until he reaches the confines of the dressing room to congratulate the team and it's coach.

If memory serves me correctly, I am told he was nowhere to be seen when his side suffered such massive losses, in both the Metropolitan and State finals.

Which, by the way, for those interested, both result's were record scores in the history of the NSW Youth League.

The game can do without this State coach who obviously cannot set an example to junior players, and we can do without these egotistical showmen.

WHILST on this subject, the Canterbury District Association has a coach and manager, whose on field antics are also detrimental to the junior code.

Both these gentlemen are, incredibly enough, in charge of representative sides within this district.

Within consecutive weeks these two officials, because of their on field behaviour, have been cited to appear because of conduct which is detrimental to the image of the game.

But then again, these two officials are not to blame, the fault lies once again with the administrators who appointed them.

RECENTLY a St George official likened

Peakhurst Park to famous English club, Liverpool's magnificent Anfield Stadium.

When on the receiving end of criticism relating to Peakhurst Park not being up to standard, he claimed St George's junior home venue was the same size as Anfield.

This misguided official has surely never been to Anfield, and I suggest to him he should be seen and not heard.

Actually, the playing surface and length of Peakhurst Park, contrary to the official's opinion, would have to be the worst Youth League venue in the first division.

SYDNEY CITY's Under 14s are currently on an overseas tour to the United States, Holland and England.

ASW wishes them all the best, and even though I disagreed with the time the tour was staged, the experienced gained will be invaluable for the player's involved.

AFTER five rounds of the Youth League competition, new boys in division one, Melita Eagles have certainly impressed with their excellent results.

On aggregate points they are third behind Marconi and Sydney Olympic, which surprised most people except the Melita administrators.

Best performed team is without doubt the U/15 side who are leading their division on goal average from Olympic with a staggering 32 goals scored and one against. Both teams are undefeated and their clash in round seven should be worth watching. Several Melita players were recently named in the U/15 state squad com-

peting in Canberra during the May school holidays.

However the U/14 team has so far been ignored by state selectors. This team has only lost one game. They are currently in fourth spot after beating last year's Metropolitan finalists Illawarra. Six of these boys are in the State indoor squad and clearly have a good future.

Both the U/13 and U/16 sides are currently in fifth place on goal difference after a slow start, but both teams are confident of making the semis. There is no doubt that Melita Eagles have secured their position in Division one and their performances on the field do justice to the fine facilities offered at Melita Stadium.

The NSW Amateur Soccer Federation has made an approach to its senior counterpart to subsidise on a dollar for dollar basis players selected to trial for the NSW Under 16 State squad.

In previous years, the NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs has not funded these players for national titles.

Canberra's Under 13, 14, 15 and 16 representative squads will clash with NSW Country during the Queen's Birthday weekend at Valentine Park.

This week officials of the NSWASF will again host their Under 15 State squad at a dinner to be held at St George Soccer club.

The national titles will be held in May, five months earlier than usual, to allow the national Under 16 coach the opportunity to select players for the preliminary rounds of the Kodak World Cup later this year.

RULES FROM LISMORE DISTRICT SOCCER

NON-COMPETITIVE JUNIOR TEAMS — 6-9 YEARS INCLUSIVE

6 AND 7 YEARS
FIELDS AND POSTS:
The field shall be an area approximately 45 metres long by 35 metres wide. I.E. Across a ¾ size Junior Field. Goal area to be a semi-circle of 10 metres from centre of goals which shall be made from plastic tubing or like material approximately 3 metres wide by 1.5 metres high.
POSTS should collapse on impact.
50 mm PVC plumber's pipe and elbows are ideal material.
PLAYERS:
ONE player must act as goalkeeper.
Players may be interchanged at any time during play and as many times as required
N.B. If there are an equal number of extra players available for each side they may play the full game. (Remember the game is for ALL children to enjoy)
RULES:
NO OFF SIDE. (Coaches attention should be drawn to the undesirability of attacking players standing on top of the opposing Goalkeeper. This WILL be discouraged)
Players should only be penalised when the ball is deliberately knocked down or played with the hand. (Reflex actions to protect are not deliberate actions)
Pushing or indiscriminate kicking is to be discouraged.
Throw-ins are to be taken as normal, however, if a player jumps or throws incorrectly he/she should be allowed to throw-in again. Don't, however, hold up the game too long
If the ball is kicked behind the goal-line, a goal kick is to be taken from the front of the semi-circle defining the goal area, irrespective of who kicked the ball out. I.E. **NO CORNERS.**
N.B. From any goal kick, free kick, or the start of play, Coaches should ensure the kicker has room to kick the ball I.E. 7 to 9 METRES

8 YEARS

FIELD:
Approximately 75 metres long by 35 metres wide (¾ full size).
RULES:
As with 6 and 7 years if both teams have an equal number of extra players, those players should be allowed to play the full match. All Soccer Laws should apply, including offside, however, as coaches are allowed on the field, they should indicate to their players in offside positions to either go back onside or not allow them to touch the ball until they are onside
This would avoid excessive stoppages.
Referees for this age group should allow the relevant amount of leniency when applying the laws

9 YEARS

FIELD
AS FOR 8 YEARS:
ALL SOCCER LAWS TO APPLY — COACHES NOT ALLOWED ON FIELD

JUDICIARY SYSTEM FOR THE LISMORE DISTRICT SOCCER LTD.

A group of persons will be invited to form a pool from which three will be drawn as required to determine the Judiciary matters of the Company
To be eligible for invitation to this group a person shall have no direct affiliation with any team of senior status
A Chairman will be appointed by the Executive to co-ordinate this Committee after liaison with the Company Secretary.

REPORTING OF MISCONDUCT:
It is a requirement of the Company that all offences of misconduct be reported to the Company Secretary within 48 hours of the offences (Sunday Not Included)

CAUTIONS (OR YELLOW CARDS)
When a player has received four (4) yellow cards he will be automatically suspended for the next fixture match in which he or his team — Club is involved, with a maximum of one match suspension.
There will be no appeal against cautions or the automatic one match suspension
It is the responsibility of Clubs to keep a record of Cautions issued to their players.

SEND OFFS:
The Committee will meet on the alternate Wednesday of each week, or as required, to consider any send-off reports

A player sent off will automatically be suspended until such time as the Judiciary shall meet.
If a player feels he has been unjustly sent off he may request a hearing of the Judiciary Committee by lodging an appeal letter in his own handwriting with the Company Secretary by 4 p.m. on the Tuesday following the match in which he is sent off This appeal should be accompanied by an appeal fee of \$20.00 for Senior Players and \$5.00 for Juniors
If the appeal is upheld the Appeal Fee will be returned to the appellant, however, if it is dismissed the appeal fee will be retained

The State League Story

TNT SKYPAK LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melita Eagles	5	3	3	0	16	4	9
Sunderland	5	4	1	1	8	4	9
Avala	5	3	2	1	8	4	8
Ku-ring-gai	5	2	3	1	7	6	7
Polonia	5	2	3	1	8	9	7
Uruguayan	5	2	3	1	6	8	7
Manly W'gah	5	2	2	2	7	5	6
Wollongong	5	2	2	2	4	4	6
Warringah	5	3	0	3	13	14	6
Fairy Meadow	5	2	0	4	8	9	4
Rockdale Ilinden	5	1	1	4	7	12	3
Penrith City	5	0	0	6	5	18	0

TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

	1st	2nd	3rd
Avala v Melita Eagles	1-1	1-3	1-1
Polonia v Uruguayan Auburn	1-1	3-3	0-2
Rockdale v Manly G'gah	1-0	2-6	0-1
Sutherland v Penrith City	3-2	2-4	2-0
Ku-ring-gai v Wollongong Mac	0-0	7-2	1-0
Warringah F/W v Fairy Meadow	2-1	4-2	2-2

STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

Blacktown Utd v Kingsford	0-1	2-1	3-3
Dee Why Swans v Bankstown	2-0	2-0	5-0
Nth Bankstown v Gladesville H/by	0-1	1-2	2-2
SSC Yugal v Canterbury	5-1	4-1	3-0
Bathurst v Artamon	0-0	1-0	Art For
Queens Park v Campbelltown	0-4	2-0	1-2

STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

West United v Campbelltown	1-0	2-1	4-0
Rooty Hill v King Tomislav	1-1	2-1	1-3
Baulkham Hills v Port Hacking	1-2	1-0	2-2
Granville Chile v Mt Druitt	2-1	2-0	4-3
Moorebank v Nth Ryde RSL	3-2	2-1	0-2
Uni of NSW v Bondi Manne	5-0	2-5	0-5

INTER URBAN FIRST DIVISION

Chelsea v Spanish Club	1st	2nd
Nineveh Eagles v Eastwood St. A.	0-1	1-0
Schofields v West St George	0-4	1-1
Sydney Uni v Padstow Park	0-11	0-3
Concordia v Fairfield Kiev	0-0	3-3
	3-1	0-6

INTER URBAN SECOND DIVISION

Green Valley v Macquarie Uni	1-3	1-7
Rosebery v Liverpool City	2-3	1-4
Wenty Waratah v Hawkesbury Dist	0-5	1-5
Pagewood v Maroubra	6-2	3-2
Trasandinos v Dulwich Hill	0-4	1-6

INTER URBAN THIRD DIVISION

Hadjuk v Chullora	9-1	7-1
Haberfield v Concord Juniors	3-2	1-4
Green Island v Blacktown Wanderers	5-2	4-2
Petersham L v Lansvale United	1-1	2-1
Welcome v Colo Colo	1-0	0-1
Robins v Sydney Maccabi	4-2	2-3

INTER URBAN FOURTH DIVISION

Castle Hill v Argentinian Lid	1-0	0-0
Luddenham v Columbian	6-1	2-1
Lithgow W v Jedinstvo Utd	4-2	7-1
Murray Farm v Crescent Star	1-1	1-3
Cyprus United v Abruzzi	1-0	0-1

INTER URBAN FIFTH DIVISION

Hellas v Santiago Wanderers	5-0	5-2
Nth Rocks v Amcliffe RSL	2-2	2-1
Calabria v Orange Waratah	2-5	0-0
Cobroloa v Macedonia Eagles	7-3	3-4

WARRINGAH 2 FAIRY MEADOW 1

AFTER a very scrappy first 45 minutes Warringah took the ascendancy in the second half to play the better football and make

the most opportunities only to fall down in the support play.

Against the run of play Fairy Meadow scored first when a loose ball was picked up in their half and a long searching pass through the

midfield went out to the right wing. The ensuing cross was headed in by Steve Baker.

After a stern reprimand at half-time for lack of commitment, Warringah came out and took over. They demolished Fairy Meadow in the second half.

Barry Walker grabbed their first goal in the 55th minute and the second came from Dominic Giannone in the 80th minute.

At least half a dozen chances went begging and due to lack of concentration Warringah were unable to add any more goals.

Credit to Fairy Meadow's keeper Krjnovic who saved two certain goals.

Best for Warringah were David Watt, Mick Berry and Barry Walker. Beringer was Fairy Meadow's best.

MELITA 1 AVALA 1

AVALA put up a good fight to hold the strong Melita outfit to a 1-1 draw.

Avala's Steve Blackburn constantly threatened with his long and flat throws which are becoming a big weapon for his side, Melita being tested severely four times.

Bruce Thurlow missed a cross but recovered when Farrugia smashed a drive goalward.

Meerhani had a shot cleared off the line.

Filipovic crossed to Bratkovic who pushed the ball on to Jeffrey and his shot was saved by Pupovac.

The Melita keeper then made a run out of his area to clear the ball but made a mess of it and Filipovic crossed towards an open goal but no one was one hand to slot the ball in.

Callinan beat the keeper in the 24th minute with a brilliantly powered header after he latched onto a cross by Lenny Vial.

Thurlow then saved from Farrugia again.

A long throw from Blackburn had Radak flying high to nod the ball in to make the score 1-1.

Blasic then crossed from the left where Marajanovic headed goalward to be thwarted by Pupovac.

In the 75th minute another long throw by Blackburn. Marajanovic headed to Jeffrey whose header was also saved.

Then in the last minute Melita had a free-kick just outside the area. Farrugia stepped up and curled it around only to be denied by the keeper.

VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE

Saturday

Frankston Pines 1, Cumming penalty — Croydon City 1, French. Melbourne 1, Theodosopoulos — Northcote City 4, Constantinou 2, Bekiaris, Stiliadis.

St Auburns 0 — Springvale City 0.

Sunday

Thomastown 1, Ihlan — Caulfield City 0. Fawkner 1 Cozzola — Morewell Falcons 0. Ringwood City 1, Verniers — Polonia 0. Box Hill 1 Burton — Western Suburbs 2 Tuck, McGuiness.

ACT SENIOR LEAGUE

Croatia Deakin 6 Belconnen United 0.

Canberra City Olympians 4 Concordia Phillip 1.

Kambah United 3 CCAE 3.

Narrabundah 2 ANU 1. Juventus 5 Canberra United 1.

ACT WOMENS ASSOCIATION

Elaine Watson Cup

Kambah United 2 Stormbirds 0. Weston Creek 2 ANU 0.

Queanbeyan 1 Belconnen United 0.

Kambah United 0 Queanbeyan 1.

Weston Creek 2 Belconnen United 0.

ANU 6 Stormbirds 0.

SA STATE LEAGUE

Elizabeth 0 Lion 2. Polonia 1 Parra Hills 0. Beograd 1 Campbelltown 1.

Azzurri 0 Hellas 1. Salisbury 0 Croatia 5. Modbury 1.

Campbelltown 6 2 — 18 7 14.

Croatia 6 1 1 — 17 6 13. Salisbury 5 2 1 — 14 6 12.

Hellas 4 2 2 — 12 6 10. Beograd 4 1 3 — 15 9 9.

Azzurri 4 — 14 3 8. Polonia 3 1 4 — 7 8 7.

Lion 3 1 4 — 12 15 7. Parra 2 1 5 — 10 13 5.

Elizabeth 2 1 5 — 7 15 5.

Modbury 2 — 6 6 21 4. Biralla 1 — 7 5 18 2.

HOLLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Groningen v Roda	3-2	Neuchatel	26	16	5	5	68 23 37
AZ'67 v Feyenoord	2-2	Young Boys	25	14	8	3	54 23 36
Exc'ldam v Haarlem	0-0	G'hopper	25	13	8	4	47 22 34
Sp R'dam v Den Bosch	3-0	Lucerne	25	12	8	5	47 37 32
FC Twente v Fortuna	3-1	Sion	25	13	5	8	48 30 31
Nijmegen v Ajax	0-0	Zurich	26	11	8	6	54 40 30
PSV v Go Ahead	8-2						
VVV Venlo v Heracles	3-1						
Maastricht v FC Utrecht	2-1						

TURKEY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PSV	32	26	5	1	96	19	57
Ajax	32	24	2	6	113	32	50
Feyenoord	31	19	5	7	70	42	43
Groningen	32	16	6	10	52	37	38
Den Bosch	32	13	10	9	49	39	36
Roda JC	32	14	7	11	65	49	35

SWITZERLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Basle v Zurich	3-3	Besiktas	33	19	12	2	56 21 50
G'hopper v St Gallen	0-0	G'saray	33	17	16	0	50 18 50
Grenchen v Baden	1-1	S'aurspor	33	17	9	7	54 24 43
Lausanne v Aarau	2-1	Saryer	33	13	14	6	34 22 40
Lucerne v Vevey	2-1	F'bahce	33	12	15	6	34 28 39
Neuchatel v Sion	2-1	Ank'gucu	33	13	12	8	41 36 38
Servette v La C de F	3-1	Tra'spor	34	12	13	9	37 25 37
Wettingen v Young Boys	0-0	Esk'spor	33	14	5	14	56 51 33
		Gen'l'igi	33	10	12	11	39 51 32
		Altay	33	10	11	12	37 40 31

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AIS	9	7	1	1	42	6	15
Canberra	7	6	—	1	23	10	12
St George	7	4	2	1	20	10	10
Sydney City	6	4	1	1	19	8	9
Leichhardt	7	4	1	2	19	8	9
Sydney Olympic	7	4	1	2	14	10	9
Blacktown	7	3	2	2	13	14	8
Marconi	6	3	—	3	10	11	6
Wollongong	6	1	1	4	7	15	3
Newcastle	7	1	1	5	7	17	3
Croatia	7	1	1	5	6	20	3
Inter-Monaro	7	1	—	6	6	32	2
Canterbury	7	—	1	6	2	27	1

Sat 10th May

NEWCASTLE 3 (Gascoine 15, Penfold 25, 55) WOLLONGONG 0.

AIS 5 (Koch 16, 30, 85 Navin 35, Polak 70) CROATIA 0.

Sun 11th May

ST GEORGE 6 (McKie 14, 42 (pen) Aranyi 29, Kotsias 76, Ilic 43, Boogaard 80) MARCONI 1 (Luccitti 72).

INTER-MONARO 1 (Trajenoski 39) BLACKTOWN 6 (Quarmby 29, 36, 61, 84 Fudge 67, Moffitt 75).

APIA 1 (Neate 22) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Stankovic 68, Noyssis 79).

CROATIA 1 (Krslovic) CANBERRA 3.

CANTERBURY 0 SYDNEY CITY 4 (Patterson 11, Kay 62, Souness 70, Saad 74).

The main feature of the League this weekend was the abundance of quality goals scored, 33 times goalkeepers were beaten, the most impressive results belonging to Blacktown and St George both 6-1 winners against Inter-Monaro and Marconi respectively.

Croatia were given the 'double dose' this weekend going down to AIS 5-0 on Saturday and 3-1 to Canberra the following day. The victory for the Institute keeps them three points clear of arch rivals Canberra who have two games in hand.

Newcastle bounced back from last week's double defeat to register their first win this season, 3-0 at home to Wollongong in the 'Steel City' derby.

The biggest surprise was Olympic's 2-1 away win over Leichhardt. At the break 1-0 ahead, the third placed maroons slipped to fifth with two goals scored in the final 20 minutes.

Sydney City moved up one spot to fourth with a 4-0 away win at Canterbury, scoring three times in the last half hour.

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Bondi Marine	vs Moorebank	Waverley Oval
King Tomislav	vs Baulkham Hills	Croatian S/C

SUNDAY 18th MAY

STATE LEAGUE 1st DIVISION

Melita Eagles	vs Ku-ring-gai	Melita Stadium
Uruguayan Auburn	vs Avala	Mona Park
Manly Warringah	vs Polonia	Cromer Park
Sutherland	vs Rockdale Ilinden	Seymour Shaw Park
Wollongong Mac	vs Warringah F/Water	Berkeley S/G
Penrith City	vs Fairy Meadow	Cook Park

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STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

Campbelltown G.	vs Rooty Hill	Bensley Road
Mt Druitt Town	vs West United	Popondetta Park
Uni of NSW	vs Port Hacking	Little Bay Oval

CALABRIA REFORMED

CALABRIA Community Club a threat in the 1984 season are a bigger threat this season in the Inter-Urban 5th Division says their committee.

Taking a year off for rebuilding, they have come up with two formidable sides.

With the organisation of team manager Frank Paragalli, the astute coaching of coach Roy Morando and the direction of Assistant coach Cosmo Delgudice have built two teams which will be a threat to the competition in both grades.

New and old players have combined well, and excelled to win the Cobroloa Cup in December 1985 and first in the Fairfield City games in their respective all age division in March 1986.

They began rebuilding back in November 1985 and the rewards are starting to show, as the first grade were undefeated in their first four games and are leading the competition.

The reserves are also doing well as they are also undefeated and leading the comp.

THE WOMENS SOCCER SCENE

AWSA MEETS NSWWASF

BY UWE BRACKLOW

ON Saturday May 17, the executives of the two bodies are meeting to resolve any problem arising from the pull out of the NSW girls from the national team's tour of New Zealand.

One hopes sanity will prevail and both parties enter the discussion with a willingness to set to rest all the false rumours and innuendo that have circulated in the interviewing period.

Being part of the NSWWASF executive, I hope to be able to present ASW readers with a good response from that meeting that will finally lay the matter to rest.

I should reply to Ms Sneyd, even though I do not wish to start a slanging match in the paper.

Her reply to the AWSA article does not even touch

on any point raised in the article and in regards to the WSL reports, I say only that we have made the effort to publicise our premier club competition and it does require a lot of effort and time.

We in NSW are very thankful to Soccer Weekly for giving us the opportunity to show off Soccer in this State as we think the girls play an excellent brand.

I guess I am not exactly Ms Sneyd's favourite person so I assume she would not appreciate my advice for her to stay retired.

WOMENS SOCCER LEAGUE

Parramatta v Manly 1st 2-0 2nd 5-1.
Girraween v Chipping Norton 1st 0-3 2nd 1-7.
Forrest Utd v Putney Town 1st 4-1 2nd 2-0.

DERBY ENDS IN DRAW

DEVONPORT and Ulverstone fought out a scoreless draw in their 6th round Tasmanian State League North encounter at Knight's Road.

BY JOHN TSCHEPPEA

A match that could have developed into a physical, spiteful clash never eventuated as referee Jack Johnston took control early by booking David Mitchell and proceeding to nullify any nastiness by awarding free-kicks.

To the credit of both sides, they settled down and played open, attacking Soccer.

Ulverstone's Dougan was substituted midway through the half with a shoulder injury.

The game became a midfield battle that was punctuated by numerous strikes on goal.

The Port's best effort of the first half came in the 42nd minute. Rod Andrews was unable to punch a ball clear of his goal area. It was played back in and then headed just over the bar.

In the second half, it was Ulverstone who took the honours as they repeatedly besieged their opponent's goal, but to no avail.

McGrory, Jones, and the Compagnes were well-

fed by their team-mates and their best chance came in the 27th minute as a shot cannoned off the upright.

Frame almost earned Devonport a win as he was put through and had only the 'keeper to beat, but a solid tackle by Anderson ensured safety and a point apiece.

Meanwhile, Riverside Olympic earned their first points of the season as they tore last year's wooden-spooners, Western Suburbs, apart. Goals were shared by Smith, Caruana, Stewart and Taylor.

As expected, Georgetown took care of Juventus, and Croatia managed a shaky 2-0 win over a spirited Launceston United.

Round 6 results:

Riv. Olympic (Smith 2, Caruana 2, Stewart 2, Taylor 2, own goal) d Western Suburbs (Davis, Hunter) 9-2, Georgetown (Hughes 2, Sawdon) d Juventus (C. Guest) 3-1, Croatia (Spurgeon, Davidson) d Launceston United 2-0, Matric dw Burnie 0-0, Ulverstone dw Devonport 0-0.

Ladder (after Rnd. 6):

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Georgetown	6	6	0	0	18	2	12
Ulverstone	6	4	1	1	19	2	9
Devonport	6	4	1	1	11	4	9
Juventus	6	4	0	2	17	6	8
Croatia	6	4	0	2	17	7	8
Burnie	6	2	1	3	13	11	5
Matric	6	1	2	3	6	14	4
Riv. Olympic	6	1	0	5	10	21	2
Western Suburbs	6	0	2	4	4	27	2
Launc. United	6	0	1	5	1	24	1

NSW STATE TRIAL

AFTER some exhaustive trials, both the Under 15 and 17 State teams are in the final process of selection.

In fact the Under 17s are at a stage where they have selected a preliminary squad of 17 players.

A predominance of WSL players emphasises that the WSL players are just that bit fitter and tactically more mature,

due to the week-by-week hard matches.

Some changes may still be made before the final squad of 16 is announced but the team looks a very strong one already.

Even players who just

missed out at this stage were of a high calibre and just about all of them will still be eligible next year.

The squad is: Goalkeeper: Kim Schaeffer. Defenders: Nicky van der Leeden, Renate Rogers, Teresa Zalewski, Leanne

Taylor, Kathy Brentin, Leoni Geribo. Midfielders: Tracey Wadsworth, Leisl Stimpson, Denie Pentcost, Mary McKittrich, Katrina Alexander, Stacey Bull, Leanne Edmundson. Forwards: Kristine James, Jordie Blank, Fiona Jackson.

WSL ROUND ROUND 4

ROUND 4 results were basically on form with possibly a minor pleasant surprise being the bounding back of Parramatta City, who after losing convincingly in the previous round to Putney Town, came back and beat Chipping Norton 2-0 in first grade and drew 2-2 in reserve grade.

In a game of few goalscoring chances, Parramatta City capitalised on two defensive errors to set up their win.

Tactically well organised and keyed up to win, they hustled Chipping Norton into many errors and always looked the more likely to win.

In the other first grade games, Putney Town accounted for Manly-Warringah 8-0 and only another superb display of goalkeeping by Sue-Ellen Nagel kept the powerful Putney team at bay.

Girraween United unfortunately were not able to keep the rampaging Forest United in check and had to suffer another heavy loss.

But in spite of this, from all accounts these girls never give up and are a credit to themselves and their team.

With time they will definitely improve and will be capable of causing shocks in late rounds.

In the reserve grade, Putney Town beat Manly-Warringah 8-0 and Forest United also won against Girraween United 7-1.

The stage is now set for a big clash in the first round of the WSL Cup where the 1st and reserve grade teams meet.

The most attractive fixture is Forest United against Putney Town at Gunners Park.

I would hesitate to predict a result in this as much will depend on their

BY LEAGUE MANAGER

Round 5 league clash as to who will have the psychological edge.

I will stick my neck out and say that the winner should be the team that scores the most goals!

The other two fixtures should result in Parramatta City accounting for Manly-Warringah at Cromer Park and Chipping Norton Colts beating Girraween at South Park.

But one should always remember that shock results can be the order of the day in Cup games.

Round 4 2nd Grade 4/5/86

Forest United 7, K. James 2, L. Geribo 2, A. Hadden 2, N. van der Leeden v Girraween United 1 P. Munce.

Manly-Warringah 0 v Putney Town 8, J. Ridlington 3, M. Hannagan, J. Hammond, J. Cappa, M. Baker, A. Mackay.

Chipping Norton 2, F. Huntington, L. Kelly v Parramatta City 2.

1st Grade

Forest United 19, J. Dolan 6, K. Lembray 6, T. McCann 3, R. Cheevers 2, C. Bradley 1, C. Heydon 1 v Girraween United 0.

Manly-Warringah 0 v Putney Town 8, C. Vinson 4, L. Wardell 2, J. Aitken 1, o.g. 1.

Chipping Norton 0 v Parramatta City 2, J. Hebb, S. Kalkhoven.

Tables after Round 4

1st Grade

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Putney Town	4	4	0	0	37	1	8
Forest United	4	4	0	0	33	2	8
Parramatta City	4	2	0	2	9	12	4
Chipping Norton	4	1	0	3	4	8	2
Manly-Warringah	4	0	1	3	2	21	1
Girraween United	4	0	1	3	3	44	1

2nd Grade

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Putney Town	4	4	0	0	31	0	8
Forest United	4	3	0	1	18	5	6
Chipping Norton	4	2	1	1	14	10	5
Parramatta City	4	1	1	2	7	12	3
Manly-Warringah	4	0	1	3	4	24	1
Girraween United	4	0	1	3	2	25	1

Results Round 5

Girraween United v Chipping Norton
Putney Town v Forest United
Parramatta City v Manly-Warringah

METRO EAST GIRLS

	4/4/86	18/4/86
Wilkins 1		Wiley Park 8
byc		Kingsgrove
J.J. Cahill 0		Randwick Girls 9
Tempe 1		Beverly Hills 7
Dulwich 0		Canterbury Girls 13
Caringbah 0		Heathcote 8
byc		St George
Kogarah 2		Penshurst 3
Woolooware 0		Kirrawee 7
Endeavour 0		Blakehurst 4
		Marrickville 2
		Kingsgrove North 1

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Scorers: Joe Bubalo (2), Tony Simic (1).
Best Players: (both teams) Joe Bubalo (Hurst), Shane Walker (Hurst).

School Name: Elderslie High
Round Number: 2
School Played: Camden High
Result: Elderslie 5 d Camden 0.

Scorers: Gavin Towners 2, Richard Lloyd 1, Tony Andouin 1, Andrew Geer 1.

Best Players: (both teams) Nick Shute (CHS) Dominated the defence and pushed forward constantly causing problems. Richard Lloyd (EHS) layed off some very good balls to other front runners and scored a well taken goal.

Peter Denison (EHS) strong defender who played some very good balls forward.

NSW CHS SOCCER UPDATE

NSW CHS Inter-Regionals to be held at Balgownie, Wollongong June 24-26th, NSW side will then be selected to compete at Australian Schools titles — Parklea, Sydney August 18-22nd.

This year there will be a round-robin between CHS, Catholic Schools and Independent Schools and it is hoped a NSW All Schools side will be selected.

School Name: South Grafton High
Round Number: 2
School Played: Kyogle High

Result: South Grafton High 4 d Kyogle High 0.
Scorers: Scott Sullivan 3, Scott Miller 1.

Best players: (both teams) South High: Scott Sullivan, Jamie Catsikiris, Stephen Duroux, David Dounnelly. Kyogle: A convincing win for Sth Grafton.

School Name: Warren Central School
Round Number: 1
School Played: Nyngan High

Result: Warren Central 5 d Nyngan High 1.

Scorers: Clarrie Gordon, Ron Peachey, Rob Ryan, Warren Lefebure, Warren Nyngan, David Cheslett.

Best Players: (both teams) A great win for Warren — can they progress?

School Name: Marsden High
Round Number: 2
School Played:

Freshwater
Result: Marsden 3 d Freshwater 0.

Scorers: David Forster (1), Stean Brennan (1), Greg Jager (1).

Best Players: (both teams) Marsden, the 1982 winners of the cup, started their 1986 challenge in fine style defeating Freshwater HS 3-0. It was fine team effort with Tony Lee and David Williams controlling the midfield and David Templeton, the capt, organising the defence from the back field.

Andre Nakill, Sean Brennan and David Fors- were always dangerous when in possession of the ball.

School Name: Hurstville Boys

Round Number: 1

School Played: Fort Street

Result: Hurstville 3 d Fort Street 0.

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FRANZ IS FACING A MIDFIELD PROBLEM



(Far left) HANS-PETER BREIGEL celebrates a goal for his Italian club Verona. He could be the answer to Beckenbauer's problem.

FRANZ BECKENBAUER was one of West Germany's most creative players, either in midfield or as sweeper, so it's not surprising he is worried about the German midfield for the World Cup in Mexico.

Beckenbauer is tempted to play a 20-year-old from Schalke, Olaf Thon, in the hope he can solve the problem.

Felix Magath of Hamburg has a lot of admirers but he is not really consistent. Ralf Falkenmayer from Dave Mitchell's Ein-

tracht Frankfurt lacks big match experience and Lothar Matthaus from Bayern Munich is essentially a destroyer — not a creator.

Of course, the gifted Karl-Heinz Rummenigge from Inter Milan could be converted into a midfield leader.

Byrne



AN EXPENSIVE ROLLS ROYCE

WHEN Chelsea's millionaire chairman Ken Bates arrived at Stamford Bridge in a new Rolls Royce, it was just the gesture the player needed to have a bust-up with boss Bates.

On the previous day, the Chelsea chairman had said the club couldn't afford to pay players any bonus from the Full Members Cup Final at Wemb-

ley — although there was a profit of \$200,000 from the game.

Senior players had a serious chat with Bates after which he decided

they would be paid "a reasonable bonus."

It might have been cheaper for him to have left the new Rolls at home.

BEARDSLEY IS THE TARGET

PETER BEARDSLEY, rated by many as England's trump card in the World Cup in Mexico, is being eagerly sought by several clubs — including Arsenal, Spurs and Everton, all of them affluent outfits.

Although Beardsley recently signed a new contract with his Newcastle United club, it seems this is no guarantee that he will be with them in 1986-87.

FINLAND FOR BYRNE

FINLAND will be the future home for QPR forward John Byrne ... but perhaps not just yet.

Ireland international, is engaged to a Finnish lass, Anne.

The couple plan to get married next month and will leave England to settle in Finland when he quits football.

Byrne, a Republic of

SWISS SWITCH ATTRACTS DAVIE DODDS

SWITZERLAND beckons Davie Dodds, Dundee United's 27-year-old forward.

Dodds has been to Neuchatel for talks with the Xamax club, who have had such a great season in the Swiss first division.

He has been 11 years with Dundee United but says he is keenly looking forward to his new career in Europe.

It was Neuchatel who

eliminated Dundee United from this season's UEFA Cup and, after their two games, the Swiss club took an interest in Dodds.

Neuchatel already have two foreigners in their side — West German international Uli Stielike and Don Givens, from QPR.

The deal offered Dodds was attractive enough to give him financial security, the sort of security he could not get in Scotland.

"I have been offered a house, a car, regular flights home to Scotland and other benefits which make this an excellent deal from my point of view," said Dodds.

SHARE AND SHARE ALIKE IS LOGICAL

ENGLISH clubs have often talked about sharing grounds to save on overheads, yet this logical move rarely eventuates.

This season, Bradford City shared the Odsal Stadium with Bradford Rugby League club, but only because the Bradford Soccer ground at Valley Parade was burned down

in a tragic fire.

Another sharing arrangement was tried this year by Charlton Athletic who teamed up with Crystal Palace as joint users of

Selhurst Park.

It is bad economics for a team to pay for the upkeep of a ground which is used only once a fortnight.

That's what has inspired Birmingham City to talk

about sharing their excellent St Andrews ground with a neighbour.

Wolverhampton Wanderers and Walsall are the two clubs said to be interested.

REPRIEVE FOR RON?

RON ATKINSON's days as boss of Manchester United may be numbered but the intriguing problem facing United's directors is... who is capable of replacing him?

There are surprisingly few outstanding candidates. The danger is, if Atkinson gets the push, his successor might be no more successful.

During his five years in charge at Old Trafford, Atkinson's team has won the F.A. Cup twice but precious little else.

The team has always finished in a respectable position in the first division and, with most clubs,

the Atkinson record would be viewed as quite successful.

But Manchester United is not just any club.

Atkinson has had an open cheque book to buy virtually any players he wanted and nobody can deny some of his big-money buys have proved a disaster.

United team.

Incredibly, about

\$14,000,000 has gone into the building of the present

Liverpool spent considerably less — although they did not stint on fees — and won a magnificent string of honours.

The tip from Manchester is that Atkinson could get a 12-months reprieve in the hope that he can bring the championship home next year for the first time since 1967, after a 20 years drought.

But if he does stay, it will be because there is nobody around who looks capable of doing any better.

BOWYER READY TO BOW OUT

IAN BOWYER, the talented Nottingham Forest skipper, may be ready to quit — at 34.

He has been 13 years with Forest and admits: "I realise I cannot go on for ever, especially in the first division.

Bowyer's contract ex-

pires next month.

Team boss Brian Clough, though, still has a high opinion of his skipper, and it's possible he might offer him a new

contract.

"Ian Bowyer is a magnificent professional. He's an example to every young player," said Clough.

ALGERIA WARNS CUP TEAMS

ALGERIA's World Cup ambitions were not helped by the team's performances in the African Championship.

The Algerians drew 0-0 with Morocco, 0-0 with Zambia and lost 3-2 to Cameroon — and that eliminated Algeria.

Their coach Rabah Saadane, however, warns World Cup rivals not to be misled by these seemingly dud results.

"We were without our midfield general, Lahkdar Belloumi, plus two other players who were not released by their French clubs," said Saadane.

"We cannot be judged on our performances in that competition."

AMADOR BREAKS AN ARM

RAFAEL AMADOR, Mexico's left-back, has broken his arm, casting a serious doubt on his fitness for the World Cup.

The team doctor, Alfonso Diaz, believes Amador will be out of action for seven weeks.

UNLUCKY 13 FOR ROBERTS

GRAHAM ROBERTS, Tottenham's tough defender, has been suspended from 23 matches in five years.

Roberts has now served 13 suspensions and has twice topped 41 disciplinary points in a season.

WEST BROM MISSED THE BUS

NOTHING has gone right for West Brom in this relegation season.

Before their away match at Luton, the West Brom player were left stranded when the team bus failed to turn up to take them.

They hastily organised a convoy of five private cars. Team coach Nobby Stiles brought up the rear in a mini-bus loaded with the team's gear.

IRAQ REWARDED

NO team in the World Cup had a tougher qualifying series to overcome than Iraq.

Because their country is war-torn, Iraq were forced to play every qualifying match out of the country.

Never before has a team played so many away games and survived.

At least the players have been well looked after by a grateful Iraqi Government.

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Then Iraq responded by beating Denmark 2-0 in

Baghdad, a result which shocked many experts.

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KIM?

HOW's this for a commentator's nightmare...there are six players called Kim in South Korea's World Cup squad.

And guess the coach's name. Yes...it's Kim too!

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THEY KNOW WHERE THE MONEY IS!

THERE is no doubt many Soccer bosses are able to set themselves up for life by enduring the problems of the Middle East for a few years.

As national coach of Bahrain for the past two years, Keith Burkinshaw, the former Spurs manager, has banked \$500,000 — a

handy insulation for the future.

Burkinshaw is home-sick and will return to Britain in a few weeks.

Dave Mackay, another manager who has been working in Kuwait, is also returning home — and he's loaded.

Instead of begging British clubs for a job, Mackay plans to buy his own club!

HAPPY DAYS BEFORE THE FLOP

WHILE Manchester United finished a miserable fourth in the English first division, it is interesting to recall how far ahead they were of their main rivals towards the end of 1985.

Everton, runners-up to champions Liverpool, finished 10 points ahead of United.

In November, United were leading Everton by a

massive 17 points.

But, starting in December, Everton had an 18-match unbeaten run. United fans wish their Red Devils had been half as consistent.

A FULL HOUSE FOR TV

ITV — that's the commercial television boys — in England will have a strong team of commentators covering the World Cup.

They include Brian Moore, Ian St John, Jimmy Greaves, Mick Chanon, Brian Clough, Bruce Grobbelaar, Bryan Hamilton, Kevin Keegan, Martin Tyler, Peter Brackley, John Helm, Gerry Harrison, Ron Atkinson, David Pleat and Billy McNeill.

And that's only HALF of the English commentating team — the BBC will also be heavily represented.

YOUNG ITALY GREAT

ITALY is going to remain a force in world football for many years, if the deeds of their Under 21 team are a true guide.

The Italians eliminated a strong England side in the European Under 21 Championship semi-final, winning 2-0 in Pisa and drawing 1-1 in Swindon.

England, under manager Dave Sexton, had won the Championship for the past two years but they were outclassed by Young Italy.

In the second leg in Swindon, the Italian youngsters picked up \$8,000 per man winning bonus.

Observers at the game predicted the Italian players would, one day, make the world sit up and take notice.



GIANLUCA VIALLI, captain of the all — conquering Italian Under 21 side. He is also in Italy's Mexico World Cup squad.

'WE FEAR NOBODY' — ENGLAND BOSS

BOBBY ROBSON, ignoring his many critics, stated firmly that England are likely winners of the World Cup in Mexico.

"We're off on our World Cup conquest and we intend to go all the way," said the England team manager.

He went on: "Somebody has to win the Cup — why not us? I have as good a squad as there will be in Mexico — it is the finest bunch of players I've worked with in 30 years of football.

"There's not a nation in the Mexico Finals to be afraid of.

"None of them would

want to be up against England too often. We are ready for anybody."

This is all good fighting talk from the optimistic Robson but he also had a sly dig at England's humiliated Cricket tourists when he said: "On some tours, players are allowed to skip batting practice. In Mexico, no England players will miss shooting practice!"

Exactly 20 years ago, another England manager, Alf Ramsey, predicted his team would win the 1966 World Cup. Ramsey was right, too.



Romania's hero, goalkeeper Helmut Ducadam, safely holds the ball as Steve Archibald (left) challenges.

BARCELONA PAYS THE 'PENALTY' FOR A FLOP!

BARCELONA, hot-shot tips to win the European Cup, failed in the final in Seville when the unrated Romanians, Steaua of Bucharest, beat them in a penalty shoot-out.

There were no goals during the normal 90 minutes and still no goals during the half hour of extra time.

So everything depended on the penalty kicks.

It is often said that deciding an important match on penalty kicks is unsatisfactory yet it must be said that there was more excitement during the shoot-out than in the whole previous 120 minutes of alleged action.

Believe it or not, Barcelona's costly players missed their first four penalty kicks.

To be more precise, all four were saved by an inspired Steaua goalkeeper Helmut Ducadam. Steaua also missed their first two penalties but scored with the next two, leaving Barcelona baffled, bewildered and beaten.

Yet this was no more than the Spanish team deserved. They played dreadfully all through. The Bucharest side were just as bad and it all added up to one of the worst European Cup Finals ever played.

There was no sense of commitment and no determination to win the ball.

For all the effort put into the match, this could well have been a pre-season training run.

Barcelona's star imports Berndt Schuster and Steve Archibald will want

to forget the game in a hurry.

Schuster, who had a first half chance, headed over the bar and, similarly in the second half, Archibald should have scored with a header close-in.

These were rare glimpses of the football everyone expected from the game.

Indeed Schuster wasn't seen during the second half and it was no surprise when coach Terry Ven-

ables replaced him with a substitute... denting the German midfielder's ego.

Steaua never looked like scoring goals but they played a disciplined style of Soccer, exceptionally strong in defence, which broke Barcelona hearts.

Barcelona, despite spending millions of pesetas on glamour players during the past three decades, have still to win club Soccer's biggest prize — the European Cup.



HUGO SANCHEZ on the ball in the first leg of the UEFA Cup Final.

IVAN'S TEAM IS NOT SO TERRIBLE!

BULGARIA's World Cup coach Ivan Vutsov is upset at predictions that his team is merely making up the number in Mexico.

He agrees that the team contains few stars but points out: "We are more of a team unit, with great spirit and unity among the players.

"Each man plays for the other 10. We are strong in defence, hard-working in midfield and the only problem is lack of bite up front.

"To compensate for this, I want my midfielders to move forward to support the strikers and improve the Bulgarian fire power."

Those midfielders will certainly be needed. It is expected that, like many other teams, Bulgaria will play with only two recognised front runners.

REAL DO IT AGAIN

REAL MADRID retained the UEFA Cup they won last year when they beat defeated FC Cologne 5-3 on aggregate.

Cologne were always going to struggle to peg back a 5-1 deficit they had inflicted upon them in the first leg at the Santiago Bernabeu.

However they put together a valiant effort and if things had gone their way in the second leg at the Olympia Stadium in West Berlin they could have snatched victory.

The reason they had to play in West Berlin and not at home in Köln is because UEFA inflicted such punishment upon them after crowd trouble in their semi-final match there.

But Real held on like the champion side they are and it will be a delight to see them in the European Cup next season.

The West Germans playing some 350kms away from home won the match 2-0 but it was not enough.

Cologne dominated the first half and were rewarded when Uwe Bein struck in the 23rd minute.

Olaf Janssen crossed and the little midfielder man was unmarked to head home from six metres.

Madrid held out and went just the one goal down at the break.

In the second half the Spanish club in fact took the game to the Germans and gave the disappointing crowd of 20,000 a few heart flutters.

Ralf Geilenkirchen made it 2-0 after 72 minutes when he latched onto a crossfield pass from Israeli international David Pisanti.

If the goalkeeper Agustin could be blamed for the second goal then he must be congratulated for not only stopping a third but for a very fine display all-round.

It was Geilenkirchen in the action again when he received a cross from the left just a couple of metres from goal, he had time to control it and pick his spot, the latter he did not. His shot was straight at the brave diving Agustin who denied Cologne what was a lay down misere goal! That was well and truly the turning point with just under ten minutes remaining.

If the youngster had grabbed that one then Cologne would have needed just one more to take the Cup, but this did not happen. Cup football is not made of ifs and buts.

Agustin was Real's hero, he denied another two certain goals, from Klaus Allofs (Cologne's captain) and a Pierre Littbarski thunderbolt in the second period.

Bad news for Mexico's World Cup campaign when their star, Hugo Sanchez was carried off after only 21 minutes with an injured left knee. He should be fit though for the big one.

URUGUAY'S ILLEGAL BOOTS!

WHEN referees inspect players' boots, many people imagine it is just a tiresome formality.

Not with Irish referee Oliver Donnelly, though. When Uruguay played Wales in the friendly international at Wrexham recently, Donnelly refused to allow the Uruguayans to play in their usual boots.

On a gluepot pitch, the South Americans intended using boots with lethal sharp studs.

The ref insisted they change them, even though this delayed kick-off by 15 minutes.

Welsh team manager Mike England said: "I've never seen studs like them.

They were metal, pointed and about an inch long. If you'd got one of them on your ankle, you'd have known all about it. I didn't know they manufactured studs that long!"

WANTED

ONE of the most sought-after players in Europe is Johnny Ekstrom, the forward from Sweden's Gothenburg.

At 21, the Swedish international is being chased by Inter Milan, Bayern Munich, Real Madrid, Liverpool and Aberdeen.

The Aberdeen interest is understandable. In this year's European Cup, Ekstrom scored the goal which knocked out the Scottish team.

Aberdeen boss Alex Ferguson says: "Ekstrom is the big, burly, type of forward we need and we have money available to bid for him.

"It would be a great boost for Aberdeen if we could sign this player so I'm keeping my tabs on him."



MICHEL exultant in Madrid.